



## City Council Policy: CP215 - Trees Damaged by Storms

Effective Date: August 20, 2001

Amends:

Approved By: City Council

### I. SCOPE

### II. PURPOSE

A. To establish procedure for the City Public Works Department to remove tree debris caused by a storm event.

### III. RESPONSIBILITY

A. Public Works Director

### IV. DEFINITIONS

### V. POLICY

A. Streets totally or partially obstructed or closed by fallen tree material.

1. City crews will open any totally or partially blocked public street by removing the tree material.
2. Tree limbs entangled with electrical power lines will not be moved to City crews until the power company has cleared the power lines. Until the power company arrives, the tree will be marked with yellow tape marked "Hazard".

B. Survey for tree damage.

1. Public Works will survey all streets and remove tree limbs larger than two inches in diameter that are broken or hanging over the right-of-way.
2. City crews will survey all City parks and remove any hazardous tree material.

C. Private versus Public owned trees.

1. The City will be responsible for the collection and disposal of tree debris from any tree trunk located completely in the City right-of-way or on City owned property.
2. The City will not be responsible for removing tree debris from any tree located on private property. However, the City crews will remove any tree debris obstructing the City right-of-way, by moving the tree material off the City right-of-way. The property owner will be responsible for disposal of the tree material.

D. Authorization

1. The Public Works Director has authorization to use City crews to collect and dispose of any public tree debris at the curb line of the streets not to exceed more than two days of Public Works Department crew time.
2. City Council must authorize the collection and disposal of tree debris for public and/or private trees requiring more than two days of Public Works Department efforts.

### VI. PROCEDURES

A. Property owners may place at the curb line, but not in the traveled roadway, the private tree debris for collection by the City refuse contractor.