



## Media Release

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### For Immediate Release

## City of Fort Smith to Collect Tree Debris Resulting From the May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Thunderstorms

High winds and heavy rains from the May 9 and 10 weather events caused sporadic tree damage throughout the city of Fort Smith. Tree debris resulting from the storms will need to be placed curbside, away from cars, mailboxes, and utilities such as water meters, fire hydrants, and overhead power lines, and should not exceed 6 feet in length. Bundling requirements will be relaxed within the effected areas from May 11, 2015 thru May 22, 2015 to accommodate special collections. Tree trunks and larger debris will require assessment prior to collection due to equipment capabilities and limitations. Residents should call (479) 784-2350 to request collection.

Removal of damaged trees and the resulting brush cleared as a result of these storms is the responsibility of the property owner. Property owners that choose to have their tree debris removed by a third party should consider hiring a reputable, local tree service familiar with local regulations. At a minimum, a reputable tree service will be able to show proof of liability insurance to protect the property owner in case of an accident. They may also have professional credentials through an organization such as the International Society of Arboriculture ([www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com)).

Questions regarding this matter should be addressed to the:

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