



Office of the Mayor

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Policy for Town Pick up of Storm Related Debris

Intent of policy:

For many years, after significant storm events, the DPW has provided a service that is greatly appreciated by the public. That service is the curbside collection of storm related material, primarily tree limbs and branches. In order to be certain the pick up is done in a consistent and fair method, this policy is being enacted. After a significant storm event, as determined by the Mayor, the DPW will provide curbside collection of storm related materials with compliance with the following:

1. Closed roads, compromised trees and dangling limbs are the town's first priority after a storm. In addition, the DPW still has all the other normal DPW work it is expected to do despite the storm event. Therefore, the Town can not guarantee how soon the debris will be picked up. It could potentially be weeks in some cases, particularly if there are additional emergencies that have to be dealt with after the storm.
2. NO requests for pickup will be honored after a date established by the DPW Director. That date will typically be 2-3 wks after the storm. This gives residents time to get their yards cleaned up.
3. Material must be at side of the road and in one or two piles condense piles, not spread all over. The DPW can not go into people's yards.
4. The DPW will pick up the brush, limbs etc. but the remaining leaves and twigs are the responsibility of the homeowner.
5. There is no charge for this service.
6. Residences must call the DPW @ 772-1528 to arrange for the pick up. Pick ups are not scheduled by date; the location will be placed on a list so pickup can be done in a logical geographical sequence and typically not until after the last day residents can call in the request.
7. If people want to get rid of the material as they pick it up they may take it to the Transfer Station and dispose of it at no charge. **POSITIVE PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED.** (no exceptions). This waiver of fees will expire on a date set by the DPW Director, typically 3-4 wks after the storm. Any out of town debris will be charged the standard brush disposal rate in effect at the time and the host fee. All material brought to station must be cut into lengths of 4 ft or less.

8. Contractors: ,If a homeowner hires a contractor to do the clean up work the contractor may also dispose of the material at the Station at no charge until the date established by the DPW Director. Contractor MUST have signed letter providing the name, address, telephone # and email address of the homeowner and the approx qty of debris from the residence. This letter must be signed by the homeowner. Town will randomly verify such information. Debris from contractors can only consist of debris collected from residential units of 4 units or less and from within the Town of Greenfield.
9. This pickup applies only to residential homes of 4 units or less. It does not apply to commercial property or residences greater than 4 units.

Policy in effect 11/1/11



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