

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.



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**NEWS RELEASE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

**RE: Storm Clean-up Operations update**

Power is steadily returning to Fort Dodge. Fort Dodge City Hall was without power most of the day and remains closed for Wednesday but will open Thursday assuming no addition damaging storms. MidAmerican Energy, has 40 tree and line crews working in Fort Dodge. For estimated power restoration timelines, please check MidAmerican's website at [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com) or call 1(888) 427-5632

City Crews have worked around the clock since the storm hit Tuesday night. The hardest hit areas appear to be Northeast and Northwest Fort Dodge although no area was spared from damage.

City crews continue to work extended hours to clear storm damage. The first priority are downed trees or broken branches on public right-of-way that pose a safety hazard. This high priority effort should take through Friday, May 19. Then, City crews will focus on downed trees in the right-of way that do not pose an imminent threat. Smaller limb removal will continue for weeks. The City intends to hire contract crews to assist clean-up in two of the hardest hit neighborhoods within 24 hours. In addition, the City has requested special saw crews from the State of Iowa

Starting Monday, May 22, the City will clean any tree storm damage that has been placed on the curb using the following schedule:

- Monday May 22 – the area North of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave North and East of 15<sup>th</sup> Street including Orchard Glen Rolling Hills and 170<sup>th</sup> Street
- Tuesday, May 23 – the area South of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave North and East of 15<sup>th</sup> street
- Thursday, May 25 – the area North of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and West of 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- Friday, May 26 – the area South of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and West of 15<sup>th</sup> Street including Pleasant Valley Area and the area east of S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street and South of the CNRR track to Patterson Field Road.

Debris must be on curb by 6:00 AM. Public Works will start clearing at 6:00 am the day of clean up. Crews will only take fallen tree storm debris.

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Starting Thursday, May 18 the City will open an emergency storm debris dump site for residents and contractors. The site will take any size tree debris. The site will be located at the end of Central Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Please dump only fallen trees in the designated location.

The City's yard waste collection facility will have special hours beginning Monday, May 22. The yard waste drop-off site will be open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday May 22 through Saturday May 27. The yard waste site will not take branches greater than 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter.

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