Fact Sheet

Tree Debris Removal from Private Residential Streets

Q: Why will the City remove tree debris from private residential streets?
A: To provide residents access to City services, including the City’s Solid Waste collection.

Q: Which private streets are eligible?
A: Typically streets that serve single and two-family homes, are included on the plat of the development or subdivision and are maintained by a Homeowner’s Association (HOA).

Q: How does my HOA sign up?
A: Complete the Homeowner Association Right-Of-Entry and Indemnification Agreement by clicking HERE. Have an officer of the HOA sign the agreement. Submit signed agreements to developmentservices@cedar-rapids.org.

Q: What is the purpose of this agreement?
A: Private property owners grant access to the City for removal of tree debris. In return, these owners indemnify the City from any damages that could result from the City’s or City contractor’s heavy equipment.

Q: When after the agreement is signed will the tree debris removal happen?
A: Expect several weeks. Street clearing is prioritized – major streets first, then collectors, then local streets, then private streets.

Q: Are any other kinds of debris being removed by the City at this time?
A: No, just tree debris.
Q: Will the City remove debris from side and rear yards?
A: The City is only removing debris left at the edges of private streets. Residents are responsible to carry debris to the street.

Q: Which situations are not eligible for the City’s tree debris removal?
A: Generally properties owned and maintained by a commercial enterprise. These properties are typically insured for disaster-related costs. These include but are not limited to:
• Mobile home parks
• Apartment and condominium complexes (even with an HOA)
• Private driveways and parking lots
• Non-residential private streets and properties

Q: How can ineligible properties dispose of tree debris?
A: Carry debris to the nearest public street right-of-way for the City to collect, or view the City’s website www.cedar-rapids.org to find the nearest tree debris drop-off location.