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DPW Issues Guidance on Tree Debris Collection from Tropical Storm Isaias

Springfield, MA – As a result of the impact of Tropical Storm Isaias throughout the City of Springfield, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be responsible for the collection of tree debris / yard waste as part of the City's standard yard waste collection protocol. The rules for collecting the debris is as follows:

The DPW will pick up tree debris, yard and leaf waste at the curb from Springfield residents on alternating weeks, the same day that recycling is set out. Yard waste and leaves should be placed loosely in a 32 gallon barrel with handles or in special paper thirty (30) gallon capacity leaf bags. These bags can be purchased at local grocery or hardware stores. Yard waste is defined as: grass clippings, weeds, hedge clippings, garden waste, as well as twigs and brush. Twigs and brush should not be longer than two (2) feet in length and one-half (1/2) inch in diameter. Bags and barrels shall not weigh more than 40 lbs. when full.

The DPW will also pick up branches. Branches can be no wider than 3" in diameter and no longer than 4' and must be tied for pickup in manageable sized bundles. Logs and stumps are not going to be collected and will be the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of.

Residents will still be able to drop off their yard waste at the City of Springfield Landfill during regular operating hours, which includes Saturday's from 7am to 12pm.

Yard waste must be set out like this:



Yard waste placed like this will not be picked up:



Oversized branches and / or limbs are the responsibility of the property owner to be cut and bundled correctly. Debris placed on the tree belt that does not conform to the standards will not be picked up.

Property owners that utilize private tree services companies to clean debris from properties are required to have the company dispose of the material. Private tree service companies that place debris on the tree belt will not be picked up by the City.

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