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City of Farmington Hills Reminds Community Members of Debris Removal Guidelines Following Late August Storm

The Division of Public Works is working to remove dozens of trees from public road rights-of-way, many of which impacted roads and sidewalks

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich., (Sept. 4, 2026) – Following the severe weather on Sept. 3, the City of Farmington Hills Division of Public Works (DPW) reminds community members that removal of debris from private property is the responsibility of the property owner. This City policy applies whether the tree or branch on private property fell during a storm or was removed by a private contractor as part of cleanup.

Pickup of tree branches and storm debris occurs on the regularly scheduled garbage collection days and follows the standard yard waste collection guidelines, including:

- **Bag it:** Break down yard waste and place it in brown paper yard waste bags. Roll bags closed to avoid overfilling.
- **Use a can:** Place yard waste in a 35-gallon trash can labeled with yard waste stickers on both sides. Stickers are available for free at City Hall and the DPW.
- **Bundle it:** Brush and small limbs (six inches in diameter or smaller) can be tied in bundles up to four feet long and no more than 60 pounds. Unbundled brush, large limbs, as large quantities of dirt or sod will not be collected.
- **Mulch it:** Use a mulching mower to break down leaves and grass clippings, creating environmentally friendly lawn fertilizer.

The DPW is working to clean up debris from the public road rights-of-way and City property, including dozens of trees, many of which have blocked roads and sidewalks. As crews complete this work, the primary focus is to clear roads and sidewalks to ensure safe travel.

Residents or business property owners can direct questions to the DPW at 248-871-2850 or visit www.fhgov.com/trash for more information.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational

corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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