

CITY POLICY

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF STORM DAMAGED TREES

It is not uncommon in the City of Franklin for storms to cause damage to trees both on public and private lands.

Trees located along (typically within 15 feet of) roadways or on public lands (i.e. parks) shall be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to remove and dispose.

Trees on private lands shall be disposed by private owners, unless the following conditions exist:

1. The damage affects a majority of the City. Significant damage occurs in a majority of subdivisions on a number of lots. Isolated locations with severe damage may warrant special consideration.
2. If damage appears to exceed the capabilities of private owners and private tree services, the DPW will perform collection and disposal City-wide.

Property owners must bring branches with butt ends to edge of road within seven (7) days of the storm. Large branches (logs) eight (8) inches in diameter or larger must not exceed five (5) feet in length.

A decision shall be made by the Mayor (or Council President in Mayor's absence) based on recommendation of Director of Public Works (or Superintendent in Director's absence).

The decision will be made known within 24 hours to:

- All Aldermen
- City Staff
- City Web Page