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Storm Tree Debris Drop-off Site Hours Reduced Next Week

Grand Traverse County – County Emergency Management and Homeland Security reminds residents to take advantage of the storm tree debris drop-off sites while they are still open. Area residents continue to clean up tree debris following the dangerous, damaging storms of August 2.

Yesterday, Grand Traverse County Emergency Management Coordinator Gregg Bird announced an additional drop-off opportunity in Peninsula Township this coming weekend only, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23. The site is located at the gravel overflow parking lot at Bowers Harbor Boat Launch on Ne Ah Ta Wanta Road. Brush, limbs, and logs will be accepted, but excessive materials such as large stumps with roots should be transported to the drop-off site located at Rasho Road.

Grand Traverse County is partnering with organizations from the State of Michigan to provide the weekend drop-off service in Peninsula Township, including the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Corrections.

The East Bay Township site's hours will decrease as of next week, due to less drop-offs this past week. "We anticipate activity at this site winding down considerably in the near future, and have changed the hours to reflect that," said Bird, "so if you have any remaining debris, please make sure to take advantage of the sites soon."

The schedule for the East Bay Township site, located at 656 Rasho Road (former East Bay Township recycling site), is:

Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The site is scheduled to be open on August 25, 27, 29, and September 1 and 3. Activity at the site will be monitored for the next two weeks, and if drop-offs completely diminish, then the site may close permanently on Thursday, September 3 at 7 p.m.

Voluntary Assistance

Citizens are reminded to work with their insurance companies to cover damages caused by the severe storms on private property. However, anyone needing additional assistance is asked to call 616-841-5399 to be put in touch with volunteer services. At this time, there is no governmental financial assistance available for disaster survivors.

About the Disaster

On August 10, Governor Rick Snyder declared a "state of disaster" in Grand Traverse County, thereby making available all state resources to assist local response and recovery efforts in the area.

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