



*"Our mission is to upgrade and maintain
a safe and efficient road system"*

TO: Essential/Emergency Services and News Media

FROM: Grand Traverse County Road Commission

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SUBJECT: **UPDATE TREE REMOVAL STORM CLEAN UP**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- Grand Traverse County Road Commission (GTCRC) is currently focusing on Right of Way (ROW) clearing (leaning trees) throughout the county and debris removal for any areas (roads) we have not already been through.
- GTCRC is blocking up and stacking large limbs and trees along the edge of the ROW in front of the property in which the tree fell. The property owner has first right of refusal for the wood or may give it away as they see fit.
- GTCRC has no plans to return and remove trees or debris that is left in the ROW once we have been through and cleaned-up the trees and debris that fell within the ROW.
- If you see a leaning tree after this week, you can call to make sure we are aware of it or it hasn't just begun to lean.....please do not call this week unless the tree is laying in the roadway.
- Debris and trees that are removed from private property are the responsibility of the property owners and should not be left in the ROW.
- If the ROW is used for staging of tree and debris removal by the property owner, it is their responsible to have the material removed and disposed of as soon as practically possible.
- Grand Traverse County has opened drop off areas within the county for anyone who wishes to dispose of trees and debris (Contractors, Residents, etc).
- Please refer questions to Emergency Services of Grand Traverse County at 231-995-6059 or Team Rubicon at 616-841-5399 for issues concerning private property and disposal. Information is also available on the County's website, www.co.grand-traverse.mi.us.

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