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Hours Scaling Back at Debris Drop-Off Locations in Grand Traverse County

Grand Traverse County – Due to lessening demand, Grand Traverse County Emergency Management and Homeland Security stated that by mid-week, hours of operation of the two tree debris drop-off sites in the county will be reduced.

“The amount of people coming and going to the drop-off locations has decreased significantly in the past few days,” said Gregg Bird, Grand Traverse County Emergency Management Coordinator. “Right now, we are going to decrease the hours, and continue to monitor the volume of drop-offs.

Bird also said he expects the City of Traverse City to complete its sweep of city streets for tree debris by August 28, and county Road Commission resources also will no longer be available soon, “so please take advantage of this week’s opportunities to dispose of your tree debris.”

Storm tree debris may be dropped off at:

- Whitewater Township , 7304 Skegemog Point Road (Ashmore Gravel Pit)
- East Bay Township, 656 Rasho Road (Former East Bay Township Recycling Site)

Hours for both sites:

- Wednesday, August 19, through Friday, August 21, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.,
- Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

Both sites will be closed Sunday, August 23.

Sites will be closed due to inclement weather.

Depending on the amount and frequency of debris drop-offs at each site this week, the sites might remain open the week of August 24.

At this time, collection of firewood from the sites is NOT permitted. Additional information about firewood collection will be provided at a later date.

Volunteers to direct traffic and drop-offs are still needed at each site, if only for a few hours. Food, water, and shelter are provided. To volunteer, please call 616-841-5399 and leave a message. All calls will be returned.

About the Disaster

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder declared a "state of disaster" on August 10 within Grand Traverse County, following the declaration of a local “state of emergency” on August 3. By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan has made available all state resources, in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts, to the disaster area.

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