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### Wood Available for Residents at Storm Debris Site

**Grand Traverse County** – County Resource Recovery has just received permission from the state of Michigan to allow residents to collect cut wood and chips for personal use from the East Bay Township storm debris drop-off site, starting tomorrow. According to Resource Recovery Manager Susan Shipman, “We are so pleased to let residents know that wood at the site is now chipped and cut, ready for personal use.” Shipman said she received word this afternoon that this service may be provided by the County.

The site, located at 656 Rasho Road (former East Bay Recycling site), will be open tomorrow, Saturday, August 29, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and again on Tuesday and Thursday, September 1 and 3, between 3 and 7 p.m. Residents only are permitted to collect wood chips and cut logs, and may not cut or process anything on site themselves.

According to County Emergency Management Coordinator Gregg Bird, activity at the drop-off site will continue to be monitored and, if traffic is still steady on September 3, the site will remain open during days and hours to be determined. “We will be sure to let the public know if and as soon as we determine the site should remain open beyond next week for dropping off and salvaging wood.”

Bird reminded contractors to please use their local contacts and resources for proper disposal of any remaining large loads, because the East Bay Township debris drop-off site is not able to accept loads of debris from contractors.

Governor Rick Snyder declared a "state of disaster" on August 10 for Grand Traverse County. By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area.

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