



Temporary Residential Tree Chipping Program Set Up

Program Assists Residents with Disposal of Debris From Tuesday Storm

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-September 10, 2020-It's Christmas in September as the city implements a temporary residential tree chipping program to assist in the disposal of downed trees from Tuesday's destructive storm.

"The damage from the storm was devastating on so many levels," said City Manager Gary Suiter. "City staff was passionate about finding ways to assist the community and rallied to pull this program together."

Residents can drop off their downed branches, limbs and trees from this storm in the Howelsen Rodeo Grounds starting tomorrow. Drop off is permitted from 8am to 7pm, Friday, September 11 through Monday, September 14; and, again Thursday, September 17 to Monday September 21. The chipping center is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday due to COVID testing.

Trees smaller than 24-inches in diameter can be taken at the chipping center; however, anything larger should be dealt by another means such as commercial tree service. Upon entering the rodeo grounds, turn right and follow directional signage to drop off location, located in the northwest portion of the grounds closer to the tennis court.

"Instead of having this material simply go to the landfill, the city is looking to provide an alternative means to use these trees through this program," continued Suiter. With that philosophy in mind, the mulch will be used in city parks, available to residents later this fall and possibly aid Innovative Regeneration Colorado in the pilot composting program.

The service is provided to residents only and commercial operators are not permitted to dispose of material at this location. If residents have a substantial number of trees to tackle or large size trees, contacting a commercial tree service may be their best option.

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