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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City Responds to Widespread Storm Damage

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA — August 10, 2020 — Cedar Rapids crews are responding to significant damage throughout the city after severe thunderstorms moved through the metro area between 12:30–1:30 p.m. today. There is devastating property damage to homes and businesses in all parts of the city. Trees and power lines are down throughout the city, making many major roads impassable.

For your safety, we ask that you **stay home if you can safely do so**. Call 911 **only for life-threatening situations**, like someone is injured, there is a fire, or other threat to life.

Tree Damage

Cedar Rapids crews are working their way through widespread damage to public trees. The first priority for the crews will be to open roads and driveways to traffic and remove hazardous trees or hanging limbs. After these emergency situations are addressed, crews will work to remove the debris.

With tremendous damage to areas across the community, staff are evaluating measures to assist in debris cleanup. We will provide further updates as they become available.

If possible, please refrain from reporting tree damage by phone call at this time. To report damage to a public tree, please use the City's web reporting tool: http://www.cedar-rapids.org/residents/parks_and_recreation/report_a_city_tree_concern.php.

Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection

Due to widespread tree damage, garbage, recycling and yard waste collection may experience delays this week. Collection of garbage carts will be prioritized at this time. Please set your carts out by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day and leave out until collected. Crews will work to restore all collection services as possible in the coming days.

Transit Interruption

Transit service is suspended through Wednesday, August 12.

Council Meeting Canceled

Due to emergency response activities and widespread power outages throughout Cedar Rapids, the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 has been canceled.

For More Updates

Updates will be posted to the City website at https://www.cedar-rapids.org/news_detail_T6_R1344.php

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