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## MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

*For immediate release through November 29, 2019*

### City's Urban Forestry Division prepares for severe weather

The National Weather Service has issued a [Wind Advisory](#) for the Missoula area on November 27, and severe weather is predicted for the next several days. Parks and Recreation's Urban Forestry Division and the City Street Maintenance Division have developed an emergency plan to keep streets and sidewalks clear and safe for the public during and after the storm. Urban Forestry and Street Maintenance crews will be on-call and in the field as the storm develops.

Urban Forestry Specialist Marie Anderson reminds residents that high winds can cause trees to fail, dropping heavy limbs and branches. "Residents should be aware of their environment, and watch for hanging limbs or downed power lines that may be difficult to see lodged in a tree. Never touch anything, including a tree, which is in contact with power lines. Immediately report downed power lines to Northwestern Energy at 888-467-2669 or 911."

Residents should also call 911 to report tree debris blocking streets, sidewalks, and alleys, or to report property damage resulting from a City tree failure. After checking for power lines, if you can safely pull small branches off the sidewalk or street and onto the boulevard, please do so.

For non-emergency City tree debris removal, complete a Tree Debris Removal Request at [www.missoulaparks.org](http://www.missoulaparks.org). City crews will remove debris from boulevard trees after the storm has passed. On Wednesday, November 27 and Friday, November 29, residents can phone Park Operations at 552-6253 to report non-emergency tree debris. All City offices are closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28.

Private tree debris is the responsibility of the property owner. Please do not pile debris from private property onto the boulevard. [Garden City Compost](#), located at 1125 Clark Fork Ln., will accept storm debris at no charge during this weather event. Visit <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2089/Garden-City-Compost> or phone 552-6619 for hours and more information.

Seniors or others who need assistance removing debris from trees on private property may contact Imagine Missoula, a local volunteer group, at <http://www.imaginemissoula.org/projects>, or phone them at (406) 748-6752. Imagine Missoula is also seeking volunteers to help others with storm cleanup and other needs, register at <http://www.imaginemissoula.org/take-action>, or visit the group's [Facebook page](#).