



Tree Limb Curbside Collection Program - Spring 2016 Frequently Asked Questions

What's happening?

The City of Boulder is providing a communitywide collection of tree branches damaged by late spring storms, which will begin Monday, April 25. At this time, city crews are currently working to remove hazardous hanging branches, tree limbs and other debris from public lands, roadways and other areas that may pose a public safety hazard. Residents and property owners are responsible for removing fallen branches and other debris from their property.

Future inclement weather this spring may result in additional fallen tree limbs that will be included in the collection program.

What materials will be collected?

Tree branches will be collected. Please help the collection process move smoothly by placing yard waste such as grass clippings and leaves in your curbside compost collection container rather than out for collection. Non-organic materials such as plastic bags and treated or painted lumber will not be picked up.

Are there restrictions on sizing and bundling of materials?

There are no restrictions on sizing or bundling of materials, so you do not need to prepare your materials for collection aside from piling and placing the material in the appropriate location. As a reminder, non-organic materials will not be collected. If you opt to use some type of bag to collect materials, please ensure it is a paper bag (plastic will not be picked up).

Will materials from unincorporated county neighborhoods be collected?

The curbside collection program only applies to properties within the city limits. Tree limbs on residential streets with BLUE city street signs will be picked up. GREEN street signs are county streets and are not included in the program, which is a city-only program.

Where should I place materials if cars are parked in front of the curb?

Please place your materials at the curbside, against the curb or on the landscaping strip next to the street.

What will happen if I leave materials other than organics at my curb?

Non-organic materials will not be collected. Crews will place a visible note detailing why they did not pick up your materials and providing a day on which they will return to pick up organic materials that are

not mixed with non-organic materials. Residents are responsible for recycling and properly disposing of materials other than tree branches.

When will my materials be collected?

The date your materials will be picked up depends on where you live. To facilitate collection, the city has divided the city into three zones, each with specific collection dates. You can refer to the zoned pick-up map, which is posted online at <https://bouldercolorado.gov/public-works/snowstorminfo>. As crews begin debris collection, this map will be updated daily to show which streets have been serviced.

- **April 25 to 29: Zone 1** – Center section of the city, including houses on the north side of Baseline Rd. to the south side of Mapleton Ave.
- **May 2 to May 13: Zone 2** – North section of the city, including houses on the north side of Mapleton Ave. to the north city limits, including residential streets with blue signs in Gunbarrel.
- **May 16 to May 27: Zone 3** – South section of city, including houses on the south side of Baseline Rd. to the south city limits.

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Where should I go for more information or if I have questions?

Visit the city's storm debris website, <https://bouldercolorado.gov/public-works/snowstorminfo>. Please call the city storm debris hotline at 303-441-1856 if you have additional questions about storm debris collection.

Who should I call if crews miss my house/street?

Please refer to the updated tracking map at <https://bouldercolorado.gov/public-works/snowstorminfo> to confirm that crews have completed your neighborhood. If your neighborhood is identified as complete, but city crews did not collect your tree limbs, please let call the storm debris hotline, 303-441-1856.

How can I track whether crews have collected materials in my neighborhood?

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Why will the city not collect non-organic materials such as painted or treated lumber and plastic bags?

All materials collected during this process will be composted. Plastic bags are not compostable. Items such as lumber or old construction wood may have been treated with paint, glues, preservatives, stains or other chemicals that could contaminate the soil. Therefore, these items cannot be composted.

What happens after crews collect the materials?

The tree branches picked up by the city will be made into wood chips and then taken to A1 Organics to be composted.

Will the city be street-sweeping?

Yes, the city will be sweeping streets following the branch collection. Residents are encouraged to park off-street during the week that their area is picked up to allow street sweepers to reach the curb line.