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Day 9: Debris Management Continues; Volunteers Needed

Grand Traverse County – County officials and the Emergency Operations Team today continued to address the overwhelming amount of debris resulting from last week's storm. During this past weekend, 15 trucks per hour reported at one designated storm debris drop-off site, while the other has had a steady stream of disposals, according to County Emergency Management Coordinator Gregg Bird.

Storm Tree Debris Drop-off Locations:

- Whitewater Township, 7304 Skegemog Point Road (the Ashmore Gravel Pit), 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- East Bay Township, 656 Rasha Road (former East Bay Township Recycling site), 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

As a reminder to residents, **drop-off sites only will accept storm tree and limb debris**. The recovery team also asks residents to please **NOT pile debris in the public right-of-ways**, because it is overburdening resources, causing safety issues, and could cause flooding hazards. Team Rubicon is available to help those requiring assistance with private property debris removal.

Team Rubicon, is a national disaster response team who arrived in the Grand Traverse area Friday, August 7. Team members are here to assist residents without homeowners' insurance or without the means to clean up their properties. To request the team's assistance, call 616-841-5399. This number is a Google Voice number. Team Rubicon assures that all calls will be returned. Team Rubicon also seeks community volunteers interested in helping them with cleanup efforts. Call the same number if you would like to volunteer time and/or equipment.

Food donations also are being sought. Salvation Army is working to feed many of the volunteers and extra workforces helping with cleanup efforts, but assistance is needed. To donate and/or help deliver food, please contact the Salvation Army at 231-946-4644.

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