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Illegal Debris Dumping Alerts; Use Debris Site

Grand Traverse County – With tree debris cleanup operations continuing nearly a month after the August 2 severe storms, Grand Traverse County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is asking residents to be on alert for illegal dumping.

“There is a concern that some individuals might dispose of storm debris at locations other than a drop-off site, which could negatively affect the splendor and natural beauty of our county, and impede right-of-ways,” said Gregg Bird, Grand Traverse County’s Emergency Management Coordinator. Bird asks anyone who witnesses illegal dumping taking place to immediately contact local law enforcement.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission Manager Jim Cook reminded that the County Road Commission only is responsible for clearing trees and debris that has fallen on the road right-of-way, and not been placed there. Debris from a homeowner's yard should be brought to the county’s drop-off site.

The county’s tree debris drop-off site is located at the former East Bay Township Recycling Site, 656 Rasho Road. The location is open this week and next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m., and this coming Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activity at the site will be monitored and, if it appears the drop-off site is no longer needed, the site may close permanently at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 3.

Contractors are encouraged to use their local resources for proper disposal of any remaining large loads. The former East Bay Township Recycling Site is not able to accept loads of debris from contractors.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to direct traffic at the debris site, or who needs additional assistance, may call 616-841-5399 to be put in touch with voluntary services.

About the Disaster

Governor Rick Snyder declared a "state of disaster" on August 10 for Grand Traverse County. By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan has made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area.

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