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Dallas Completes May Storm Clean-Up

City workers picked up more than 76,000 tons of brush, four times the normal amount

DALLAS, TX, June 29, 2007—Seven weeks after the devastating May thunderstorms rolled through Dallas knocking down trees limbs and trunks all over the city, City of Dallas Sanitation department workers have completed the storm cleanup a week ahead of schedule.

Sanitation Department director Mary Nix said, “We picked up 76,210 tons of brush waste-- **nearly four times** the typical amount for the months of May and June. But even working overtime and on weekends we couldn’t have done it without help from our neighboring cities University Park and Plano, and without bringing in private companies to help.”

Nix continued, “Despite the extra hands, many Dallas residents had to wait longer than normal for their brush and bulky items to be picked up, and we’re grateful for their patience with us during that time. Those May storms really wreaked havoc on some neighborhoods, and until we could get the help we needed, some waited weeks for our crews to arrive.”

The total price tag for the clean up could cost up to \$850,000, of which nearly \$800,000 is estimated to have already been spent. The largest cost item (\$344,748) was for overtime, repairs and fuel for city fleet.

“After what our workers and the public have endured over the past several weeks, bulk waste collection for July will seem like a picnic,” said Nix who also concluded, “Starting today we’ll go back to the weekly brush collection schedule and give our folks some well-deserved time off work.”

The City of Dallas picks up bulky waste weekly, except during the week of the fifth Monday. There are five Mondays in July, so there will be no bulk trash collection the week of July 30-August 4. To find out your brush collection week, go to maps.dallascityhall.com, enter your address, and look under “Sanitation Information” or call 311. To request bulk trash service during a week other than your assigned free pickup week, residents may call 311 to request “Cost Plus” service.

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