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**UPDATE: Storm Cleanup in Decatur** 

Decatur, IL – An update on storm cleanup in Decatur and information for residents:

City of Decatur Public Works crews have been all-hands-on-deck removing tree limbs and debris from public streets and right-of-ways. Starting July 10, seven crews will focus solely on collecting tree limbs and debris from the curb of private properties. It will take several weeks to collect the majority of tree debris in the city.

Downed trees and limbs on private property are the responsibility of the private property owner, but due to the size and quantity of downed trees and limbs, the City will remove private tree debris under the following conditions:

- Trees and limbs must be brought to the curb no later than Monday, July 10
- Trees and limbs must be cut so that they are no longer than six feet in length
- The City will NOT collect any other garbage or debris, such as parts of a fence or a shed, building materials, etc. If these items are on the tree and limb pile, none of the debris will be collected.

City crews will go to 12-hour days for at least two weeks starting July 10 so that trees and limbs can be removed as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please avoid parking in front of the piles as this will prevent crews from reaching them with their equipment.

For special circumstances, such as a mobile home park or a private street, you can call Byron Bowman at 217-875-4820 to discuss your options.

The City has a plan for pickup to cover the entire city. We appreciate the cooperation and patience from residents as we work together to clean up from the storm.