



news release

2/11/2014 10:52 AM

CONTACT: John Clark, Incident Commander, 541-682-4800

From Public Information Section, 541-682-4807 or 541-912-5465

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tree Debris Clean-up Continues Throughout Eugene

Public Works is continuing to clear trees and limbs from streets and sidewalks. Crews have cleared a number of locations on major thoroughfares, but wiring tangled in some trees has limited crews' ability to respond to some locations for safety reasons.

Operations has split the city into seventeen sectors in which crews are focused primarily on clearing any blockages. Efforts will transition to cleaning up the debris left by damaged trees. In addition, Public Works had assessment teams out in the field reporting and prioritizing hazards.

Plowing efforts have been successful clearing priority routes. Streets that had been blocked will be plowed as needed today. The plowing equipment will transition to debris hauling equipment to support the tree crews.

Stormwater operations are continuing to keep catch basins and curb inlets open for the melting snow. Localized flooding from melted snow and ice has not been an issue thanks to the mitigation efforts of Public Works staff. The potential of flooding will remain as weather forecasts predicted rainfall for the next several days.

Many sidewalks are covered with slush or even snow and ice in higher elevations. Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for keeping sidewalks passable next to their homes or businesses and bear the liability if someone slips or falls on a poorly maintained sidewalk.

The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for tonight starting at 10 pm. Use caution around trees damaged by Saturday's ice storm. Stay well clear of trees that may be leaning or that have loose hanging limbs.

To report a blocked street, hazardous trees or street flooding in Eugene, call 541-682-4800. For power outages in Eugene, call EWEB at 541-484-2300. Public Works cannot respond to trees on private property. Property owners are advised to contact commercial tree services for assistance in dealing with trees on private property.

For updates on Public Works storm operations, go to www.eugene-or.gov/snow.

Airport travelers are advised to check flight schedules. Up-to-date flight information is at www.flyEUG.com. For information about the status of other City services, go to www.eugene-or.gov.

#