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Greene County Offers Helpful Resources and Guidelines for Storm Debris Removal

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri – During an emergency session this evening, the Greene County Commission along with the Office of Emergency Management, worked to coordinate and confirm resources to help citizens working to clean up after Tuesday's storms.

It is first recommended that citizens work with their insurance carriers regarding any clean up requirements. For debris not covered by insurance, citizens are advised to safely organize debris materials by type – appliances and electronics, vegetation, and structure/construction materials and then follow the following guidelines for proper disposal.

The following resources are also open year-round and located throughout the City of Springfield, recycling centers offer convenient drop-off facilities for all citizens to properly dispose of home recyclables, yardwaste, household chemicals and even mattresses:

<u>Franklin Avenue Recycling Center Facility</u> <u>Lone Pine Recycling Center Facility</u> <u>The Yardwaste Recycling Center</u> The Household Chemical Collection Center

The City of Springfield's recycling centers (with the exception of the Household Chemical Center) are open Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m. The landfill is open on Saturday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Vegetation disposal guidelines:

- Limbs must be cut to 4 feet maximum length
- Limbs up to 6 inches in diameter are acceptable loose
- Limbs over 6 inches in diameter and root balls must be taken to the Springfield Sanitary Landfill
- For hours and more information visit: The Yardwaste Recycling Center

For construction debris:

- Take materials to the Springfield Sanitary Landfill
- For more information visit: Springfield Sanitary Landfill

Burning regulations:

- Missouri allows open burning of yard wastes from sites provided it originates and is burned on the same premises.
- Materials such as tires or used oil may not be used to start the fires or be burned in the fires. Yard waste includes trees, tree leaves, brush or other vegetation.
- The open burning of untreated wood waste from trade, construction and demolition waste must be burned between sunrise and sunset, be supervised at all times, occur at least two 200 yards away from the nearest structure not owned by the party conducting the burning
- Please notify the Logan-Rogersville Fire District if you choose to burn vegetation: 417-753-4265

If you are able to remove the debris materials on your own, you are encouraged to do so safely. To request volunteer assistance, call 417-755-0913 or 417-755-0614.

MEDIA - For more information, contact Larry Woods, OEM Director at 417-379-2096 or lwoods@greenecountymo.gov.