



## Ice Storm Brush Pick Up

The icy winter storm that hit Collinsville on December 21<sup>st</sup> affected city electric service as well as many trees in town. The City is currently working on removing the storm generated brush.

“We realize that our citizens and the trees on their property were affected by the winter weather, and we want to assist them in getting things cleaned up.” states Phil Stowell City Public Works Director.

“Historically the City has not charged for brush chipping services and our Street Department handles such service orders as duties allow. Although the brush generated from this storm will have a substantial cost we still want to do what we can at no charge to our citizens” stated Pam Polk City Manager.

Storm generated brush within the city limits will be picked up free of charge within the following parameters and timeline:

- Citizens will have until 7AM Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> to have their brush placed by the curb line. No limbs over 4” in diameter will be picked up and limbs must be stacked parallel to each other with butt end (severed end) facing towards street (Note: this allows for efficient chipping operations).
- Citizens will need to call the City Hall Utility Office 918-371-1010 and press zero “0” to speak with Utility Office Staff. A service order will be generated for brush pick up.
- Beginning on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> the chipping crew will make one pass only down city streets to pick up properly placed brush. Brush brought to the curb line after 7AM that day may not be picked up. Brush not properly stacked may not be picked up.
- No large contractor (Tree Service ) generated piles of brush will be picked up. City Staff will make the determination if such issues arise - (Note: Hired tree services should include cost of disposal in their quote/contract with the property owner. As this is a free service offered by the City such passing on of costs is not acceptable.)

“We will begin chipping operations at start up on January 14<sup>th</sup>,” stated Phil Stowell.