



An update on storm recovery efforts as of August 25 at 11:30 a.m.:

- Today (Thursday), crews will be focusing on cleaning roads, catch basins and removing debris from along major roads. There may be moving road or lane closures throughout the City today. Since Public Works cannot be everywhere all the time, we ask that citizens regularly check the catch basins in front of their homes to remove debris if they see it accumulating.
- We also ask that residents have their tree/branch/storm debris by their sidewalks by Monday morning. On Monday, we will be having two contractors and our crews begin to go through our City the second time. They will begin in the area of 36th and Byron Center, which was the area hardest hit by the tornado, and move both north and south from that central area. We do not have a timeframe as to how long this will take as it depends on how much debris needs to be removed.
- The City will provide restoration to the sidewalk and right of way areas between that and the road. This may include stump removal, topsoil/seeding or sidewalk repair. The City will not be repairing private property that may have been damaged as a result of this storm, unless the damage was caused by a parkway tree. Private property damage caused by private property trees is the responsibility of the private property owner to restore/maintain.
- If you have debris that requires City crews to pick up, please call the Public Works Department at 616.530.7260 to help us manage need. Reminder that all storm debris should be placed behind your sidewalk and not in the public right-of-way or on the street.
- **Extended hours:** We are keeping the yard waste site open 24-hours through Monday, August 29 for debris drop-off. This time period may be extended an additional week if needed. The yard waste center will be closed from Sunday, September 4 until noon on Thursday, September 15.
- **Help line:** Wyoming residents who need assistance not related to debris removal can call 616.530.7226 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Our office is closed tomorrow and through the weekend. We will reopen on Monday morning.
- **Parks:** Lemery Park and its trails are now open, as is Buck Creek Trail. Although the Prairie Park is open, its trails remain closed. Evaluation and restoration work is beginning in the other affected parks, but Pinery Park and Ferrand will remain closed until future notice. Pinery Park Shelter and Sections A, B, C reservations will be moved or refunded through September 30. Use of the Lodge is expected to open again on September 6. If you had additional questions, call 616.530.3164.
- **Park reservations:** Our Parks & Recreation team is contacting those with park reservations to see if we can relocate or reschedule them. Reservations canceled by the storm will be refunded unless they were relocated to another park or facility. For questions, call 616.530.3164.
- **Permits:** Wyoming is waiving the fees for building or electrical permits for storm-related repairs. You still need to secure a permit from the City.