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## **Knox County Begins Single Pass for Green Waste Removal on Tuesday**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*—Knox County on Tuesday (Aug. 29) will begin removing green waste from private property in response to the severe storms that recently passed through the community.

The county, along with contractor Phillips and Jordan, will initially focus efforts on the hardest hit locations in the northwest, such as Bob Gray Road, Yarnell Road, Gleason Road, and others nearby. Crews will work seven days a week from sunrise to dusk to complete pickups.

For specific inquiries or to request green waste pickup, please call Knox County Engineering and Public Works at 865-215-5800.

Due to costs and time, crews will only do a single pass for brush pickup. As crews cannot provide an exact schedule for area pickup and cannot pick up from private property, all brush must be placed at the curb in the public right of way before pickup begins on Tuesday. Any brush not placed at the curb will become the homeowner's responsibility.

Green waste must fit into the bed of a standard-sized dump truck and debris longer than 6 feet will not be accepted.

The county will pick up green waste only—trees, limbs, and brush, etc.—generated from county residents' private property and those living in the Town of Farragut.

Assistance is not being offered to properties within Knoxville city limits as the city already provides a similar service regularly.

Additionally, due to safety reasons, crews will not remove any brush if it is still intertwined with utilities. If it is, residents are encouraged to contact Knox County Engineering and Public Works at 865-215-5800 before Aug. 29 so folks there can attempt to resolve the matter with the respective utility.

Green waste from commercial properties, construction and building materials, or demolition waste cannot be picked up due to cost and logistics. However, homeowners can take small amounts of this type of debris to the county's seven convenience centers.

**Note: Residents must call by no later 4:30 p.m. TODAY to report the need for storm-related brush pickup. Calls received after the deadline will not be scheduled for pickup.**

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