



## VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

### VILLAGE BOARD POLICY MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Storm Debris Management**

**Section: 7.C.**

**Dept.: PW**

**Date: November 4, 2010**

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#### **I. Purpose**

To facilitate and coordinate the removal, collection, and disposal of debris following a disaster, to mitigate against any potential threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the impacted citizens, and expedite recovery efforts in the impacted area, and address any threat of significant damage to improved public or private property.

#### **II. Procedures/Guidelines**

The Village of Lombard's Department of Public Works is responsible for the debris removal function. All aspects of the Debris Management Policy shall be under the direction and guidance of the Director of Public Works who shall make determinations of response based upon an assessment of damages received in Lombard. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will work in conjunction with designated support agencies, utility companies, waste management firms, and trucking companies, to facilitate the debris clearance, collection, reduction, and disposal following a disaster. DPW will be responsible for removing debris from the public right-of-way. DPW will further stage equipment in strategic locations locally as well as regionally, if necessary, to protect the equipment from damage, preserve flexibility in the decision-making process and allow for the clearing crews to begin work immediately after the disaster.

The quantity and type of debris generated from any particular disaster is a function of the location and type of event, as well as its magnitude, duration and intensity. The quantity and type of debris generated, its location and the size of the area over which it is dispersed directly impacts the type of collection and disposal methods used to address the debris problem, associated costs incurred and the speed with which the problem can be addressed.

The Village of Lombard's Board of Trustees desires the Public Works Department, when major storm events occur and cause widespread damage throughout the community, to collect and dispose of debris. In order to better define widespread damage and establish such parameters to initiate collection for such an event, the Village has developed two levels of response. The first level is classified as **Private Response**. The second level is classified as **Village Response**. The procedure(s) for the policy are provided below:

The Village of Lombard has established six (6) zones to be used for the debris management policy. The zones are based upon the Village's Tree Inventory Map and is attached as Exhibit "A" to the Policy.

### **Private Response**

- When wind speed at ground level exceeds 50 miles per hour as measured at Glenbard East High School and either (a) less than seventy-five (75) parkway trees within a single zone or (b) if less than one hundred and fifty (150) parkway trees in adjacent zones have sustained damage of broken tree limbs exceeding three (3") inches in diameter plus downed tree trunks, then the property owners must dispose of material in accordance with the Village of Lombard's Solid Waste Contract.
- Limbs must be cut, bundled, and stickered for collection per the Solid Waste Contract's requirements.
- The Village will only collect limbs from parkway trees other trees on Village owned/maintained property.

Public Works Department staff will not enter upon private property to remove the debris.

### **Village Response**

The Village shall expand the assistance offered to residents/property owners if the following conditions exist.

- When wind speed at ground level exceeds 50 miles per hour as measured at Glenbard East High School and either more than seventy-five (75) parkway trees within a single zone or (b) if more than one hundred and fifty (150) parkway trees in adjacent zones have sustained damage consisting of broken tree limbs exceeding three (3") inches in diameter plus and downed tree trunks., then the Village Pick-Up Policy will be initiated for single family residential dwelling units within the zones that the above criteria has been met.
- If the National Weather Service (NWS) confirms that a tornado touched down in Lombard during a storm event, the properties located within the path of the tornado will be provided with collection of limbs from private property trees in accordance with the Village Pick-Up Policy.
- In the event that the confirmation from NWS comes outside of seven (7) days from the date of the storm, property owners will be required to place material out in the parkway within seven (7) days of the confirmation of the tornado. The Village, at its sole discretion may extend the seven (7) day timeframe based upon the magnitude and impact of the storm.
- When rainfall in excess of a 50-year rain storm (7.50" over 24 hours, 7.05" over 18 hours, 6.53" over 12 hours as measured on the Public Works Department's rain gauge) occurs in Lombard, **or** more than 100 homes have debris placed curbside within 24 hours of the storm consisting of building material and personal property, the Pickup Policy will be initiated for residents.

The Village Pick-Up Policy shall consist of the following:

- Tree limbs and downed tree trunks may be placed onto the parkway at single family residential dwelling units. Tree limbs and downed tree trunks will be collected and disposed of by Village of Lombard crews, or by contractors hired by the Village.
- Material collection will begin within 72 hours from the end of the storm event.
- Material placed out after seven (7) days of the storm event will not be collected by the Village and must rather be disposed of in accordance with the Village of Lombard Refuse Contract. The Village, at its sole discretion may extend the seven (7) day timeframe based upon the magnitude and impact of the storm.
- When rain events meet the threshold stated above, residents will have two weeks from the date of the event in which to contact the Public Works Department to provide name and address and a brief description of the debris they desire to place at the curb for pick up. The Village will provide ten (10) **STORM CLEANUP** stickers to each impacted property. Additional stickers may be requested through the Director of Public Works. The Village of Lombard may provide expanded hours office hours to accommodate the distribution of **STORM CLEANUP** stickers, based upon a determination by the Director of Public Works.

If the Public Works Department has not been notified within said two-week time period, then those residents must then dispose of debris themselves in accordance with the terms or collection per the Village's Solid Waste Contract.

Public Works Department staff will not enter private property to remove the debris.

The debris removal process must be initiated promptly and conducted in an orderly, effective manner in order to protect public health and safety following a major or catastrophic event. To achieve this objective, the first priority will be to clear debris from key roads in order to provide access for emergency vehicles and resources into the impacted area. Priority roadways in Village of Lombard are as follows:

#### **NORTH OF ROOSEVELT ROAD**

- Main - Roosevelt to North Ave.
- St Charles - West of Route 53 to Addison
- Westmore - Roosevelt to Division (North of St. Charles)
- Park - Maple to Parkside, St. Charles to Greenfield
- Madison - Finley to Addison
- Finley - Roosevelt to Crescent
- Wilson - Finley to Westmore
- Maple - Finley to Addison

- Grace - Central to Sidney (North of North Ave.)
- Parkside - Elizabeth to Grace
- Crescent - St Charles to Forest Preserve
- Sunset - West Road to Westwood
- Washington - Main to Addison

### **SOUTH OF ROOSEVELT ROAD**

- Highland - North of Roosevelt to Butterfield Rd
- Main - Roosevelt to Janata
- Finley - Roosevelt to Village Limits (South of Eisenhower Lane)
- 22nd Street - Finley to Meyers
- Eisenhower - Finley Loop Back to Finley
- Grace - South of 22nd (Entrance to Yorktown)
- Janata - Main to Highland
- Technology Drive
- Butterfield Frontage

The Village of Lombard has established Mutual Aid Agreements with the following entities to provide assistance with debris removal in the event of a disaster resulting in copious amounts of debris:

1. DuPage County Public Works Mutual Aid
2. Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)
3. Illinois Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN)

These agreements include utilization of personnel, equipment, temporary land sites, emergency services, and law enforcement.

### **III. Legislation/Documentation**

- A. Minutes of Public Works Committee September 14, 2010
- B. Minutes of Public Works Committee October 12, 2010
- C. Village Board of Trustees November 4, 2010
- D. Minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Concerns Committee July 14, 2020
- E. Village Board of Trustees August 20, 2020
- F. Minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Concerns Committee September 10, 2024
- G. Village Board of Trustees September 19, 2024
- H. Updated Bulletin 70 Rainfall Depths March 23, 2025

Exhibit A  
Village's Tree Inventory Map

