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## PRESS RELEASE - UPDATE

## **Disaster Cleanup**

## **September 23, 2018**

Dear members of the Northfield Community,

Due to the volume of trees being disposed at the City Compost Site, the City will open Babcock Park Rodeo Grounds 700 Hwy. 3 South (by the Dog Park, north of Culvers) on Tuesday September 25 at 8:00 a.m.

The City is currently focusing its effort in the southeast portion of the City where the most damage occurred. Click this link to see the progress of clearing trees. The map will be updated daily. https://bit.ly/2xFCVcW

## **Organized Cleanup from Private Property**

The City will begin a formal organized pickup of trees and branches from private properties on Monday, October 8, 2018. A formal neighborhood pickup schedule will be sent out in an upcoming notification to the entire Northfield community. City operations will make one pass through a neighborhood.

Here are the rules related to the pickup:

- Trees/Brush must be piled on the curb crews will not enter on private property to pick up the brush.
- No material other than trees/brush shall be placed in the brush pile.
- Animal waste, garbage, demolition material, lumber, etc. will not be accepted. Any inclusion of any excluded materials will result in the whole pile being left for the property owner to dispose. Crews will not sort piles.
- No tree branches or trunks or material over 4' in length will be taken.
- All limbs and branches should be placed parallel to the curb.
- Do not block the sidewalks with branches.
- Do not block street signs.

Due to the expense of this undertaking, the City of Northfield will not be responsible for turf damage caused by this service. Following the pickup, the City will have stumps within the City boulevard ground and topsoil and seed placed.

If you want to volunteer please reach out to Northfield Shares or if you're in need of assistance to help get you private property trees to the boulevard, please reach out to Northfield Shares at info@northfieldshares.org or by phone (507)-403-9755.

Check the City of Northfield website for updates. Please contact Public Works at 507-645-3045 with any questions.