

EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT

For immediate release Thursday, July 25, 2024

Tree debris drop sites opened; caution advised in parks due to tree hazards

★ [Online Form: Report Downed Street Trees: www.missoulaparks.org](http://www.missoulaparks.org) ★

To aid in cleanup efforts after Wednesday's storm, the City has established six free drop sites for storm-damaged vegetation. Public safety remains a top priority, with several area parks—including Bonner, Franklin, Greenough, Northside, Westside, and Sacajawea—closed due to hazardous tree damage. City officials strongly urge residents to exercise extreme caution in all parks and natural areas, as the risk of falling trees and branches remains high in the storm's aftermath.

Please do not call 9-1-1 to report trees blocking the right-of-way. City residents can report downed trees at www.missoulaparks.org or phone 406-552-6253. Do not touch downed power lines or trees or structures which are entangled in power lines.

The City has designated six free drop sites for storm-damaged vegetation. Residents are encouraged to wait until streets are cleared and power is restored before bringing storm vegetation to the dump sites. Missoula is currently under an "emergency travel only" advisory. Parks crews are currently working to help clear streets and sidewalks and will address tree hazards when transportation routes are fully restored.

For boulevard trees located between sidewalk and curb:

(And any public tree located in City right-of-way)

- If tree debris is near utility lines, please stay away and call Northwestern Energy at 1-888-467-2669.
- If street tree debris is blocking the sidewalk or street, and you can safely move it to the boulevard, please do so, and report the debris at www.missoulaparks.org or phone 552-6253. Debris from privately-owned trees is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Report trees with hanging or hazardous limbs to Parks and Recreation at 552-6253.
- Property damage from City-owned trees: Please document the damage with photographs and phone 552-6253 to report the damage.
- Drop storm-damaged tree debris at one of these [drop-points](#): (see attached [map](#))
 - PRIMARY DROP SITE: [Garden City Compost](#), 1125 Clark Fork Ln. Mon. – Sat., 8 am – 5 pm.
 - SECONDARY SITES
 - Fort Missoula Regional Park, 36th St Parking lot
 - McCormick Park, east lot
 - Playfair Park, West lot, north of ballfields
 - FMRP "Larchmont Triangle" – open space west of Larchmont parking lot, off of Post Siding Rd.
 - FMRP Ponds – open space at the dead end of 40th Av.

Trees on private property:

- Debris from trees on private property is the responsibility of the homeowner.
- If tree debris is blocking the sidewalk or street, and you can safely move it to the boulevard, please do so. Removal is the responsibility of the property owner.
- If tree debris is blocking the street and cannot be moved, please call 911.
- Residents may use the drop sites listed above after the “emergency travel only” advisory is lifted.
- For a [list of certified arborists](#) to assist in private tree debris removal, visit www.missoulaparks.org.
- Additional volunteers are needed to assist property owners with private tree debris. Please email parksrec@ci.missoula.mt.us if you can help.

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Storm Vegetation Dump Sites

Garden City Compost

1125 Clark Fork Ln



McCormick Park East lot



PRIMARY DUMP SITE



SECONDARY DUMP SITE

Garden City Compost is the primary dump site. Utilize this free dump site first.

Dump sites are for storm-impacted vegetation **ONLY**.

No yard waste or non-organic materials.

Dump in designated areas and follow all on-site instructions.

Fort Missoula 36th St Lot



**Ft. Missoula
Ponds**
8am - 5pm **ONLY**
Access via 40th Ave

Larchmont Triangle

Access lot from Post Siding Rd,
West of Larchmont golf course



Playfair Park West lot, North of ball fields

