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## **City of Duluth Update on Storm Response**

[Duluth, MN] – The City of Duluth crews were out working right away this morning in partnership with MN Power crews. Thanks to the hard work of MN Power, the Lakewood water plant power was restored last night thereby enabling full functionality of the water system. Water service was not disrupted yesterday thanks to the public's conservation efforts. The Duluth water supply is safe and clean to drink and water quality was never impacted by yesterday's power outage. The wrath of this storm left extensive tree damage which will take some time to cleanup.

Tree debris drop off site (8 AM – 6 PM):

The City has been considering options to assist residents with cleanup efforts. The following provides an option for residents in the short term. The City is establishing a drop off site for tree branches or brush damaged by the storm at the former Police firing range on Rice Lake Road, located across from Marshall School. The drop off site will be provided free of charge to residents who are able to transport debris to the site. City staff will be on hand operating the site from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM daily starting today, July 22 until Sunday, July 24. The City will not accept any items that are non-tree parts from the storm damage. No household items or garbage will be accepted.

The City is continuing to clear side streets. Any tree parts left by City crews on the boulevard will be picked up by the City.

Community Resources:

For those still without power or who do not have air conditioning, our community partners are again offering assistance. The DECC has opened up their Cityside Convention Hall (by Door B) today for anyone needing a place to cool off from 10 AM until 10 PM. Free rides are being offered by the DTA via the Transit Center downtown.

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