

City of Blanchard 122 N Main St \* PO Box 480 405.485.9392

## 10/29/2020

In response to the October 25 - 28, 2020 Ice Storm, the City of Blanchard is working with local vendors, McClain and Grady Counties, and with DEQ to prepare a site to collect fallen trees, tree limbs, and branches that are scattered all over our community. We are working to provide a solution to this disaster.

As soon as we are given permission by DEQ, we will notify all residences via Facebook, website, and mail outs the date and time we will begin to accept storm damaged trees, tree limbs, and branches at a temporary location to be burned. Once the temporary location is approved you will be able to haul your trees, tree limbs, and branches to the site.

If you are unable to haul the limbs and branches to the site yourself, you may place them alongside your curb, in no more than fifteen (15) foot lengths to be picked up by the city. We will not pick them up until the temporary burn location has been approved. Please do not block any fire hydrants, driveways, roadways, etc.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this state of emergency.

In the meantime options for addressing the storm damage, while we are still preparing the site are as follows:

- 1. All residents (within City Limits) may collect the storm damaged trees limbs and branches, cut them into 4 foot bundles and diameters no more than 4 inches wide and haul them to your curb. Waste Connections will pick them up on your Big Bulk pickup day; or
- 2. You may haul the storm damage at your cost to the landfill in Alex, Oklahoma. Waste Connection requests that you call Waste Connection's landfill at 405-785-2062 prior to hauling for rates and hours; or
- 3. You may burn the trees, limbs, and branches on your own property. Please call the Non-Emergency Police phone number, 405-485-9391, to notify prior to burning. Please check out the Blanchard Fire Department's Facebook page to review the safety protocols prior to burning your trees, limbs, and branches. Please do not burn any garbage or household waste. You can only burn trees, tree limbs, and branches.