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Final Storm Damage Report as of Sunday, Oct. 5

Waco, Texas (October 5, 2014) – The Office of Emergency Management delivered its final report as of 2 p.m. Sunday, October 5 in regard to October 2nd storm damage throughout the city. The report includes information on progress in restoring electricity and traffic lights, and cleaning the thousands of tons of debris caused by the storm.

Oncor:

Operations are going to be completed by noon. Only those residents who need the repair of an electrician will be without power.

Solid Waste & Parks:

Solid Waste and Parks crews are back to business hours/on-call service. All public roads and right of ways have been cleared, allowing Oncor to access power on downed streets for repair operations.

We have collected more than 400,000 pounds of brush debris as of Saturday evening.

Since public access and streets are cleared, Solid Waste will resume collection routes Monday that also encompass the hardest hit areas. This will be for collection of residential trash and related storm debris.

For the next several weeks, Solid Waste will be picking up minor building debris that folks cleaned up and we will be as accommodating as possible.

Monday's plan and next several weeks operations for regular and storm collections is as follows:

- If residents get the brush and debris to the curb, Solid Waste will get it.
- All multi-paks and split loads will run a full day on Wednesday (a normal off day for Residential Collections) for brush pick-up.
- Solid Waste will provide all available roll-off support we can get, planning that operators will work extended hours and weekends.
- Solid Waste will assess if extended hours for commercial equipment is needed due to private contractors working storm damaged areas as well.
- Solid Waste will also keep close watch on requests for help with spoiled food.

Traffic:

Valley Mills & New Road light has been restored, and is fully operational. 18th St. and La Salle light has been restored, and is fully operational. Valley Mills & Wooded Acers has been restored, and is fully operational. All traffic signals are now fully functional, and crews are back to business hours/on-call service.

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VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster):

One resident stayed in the American Red Cross shelter last night. It has been reported that the electricity is back on to her apartment so she will be back at home this evening. They have ordered 200 meals to serve today, and are finishing bulk distribution of clean-up kits and giving the rest of the food bags (provided by Caritas) away.

Operations have wound down to just a couple volunteers for casework and walk-ins phone calls over the next couple days.

Emergency Management:

With the completion of weekend operations, we are closing down the Emergency Operations Center and the office will be back to business hours/on-call service. After this report, we will no longer issue daily reports, now that things are wound down.

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