

## **Tree Debris Removal in Unincorporated Linn County**

Linn County estimates the cleanup of tree damage in unincorporated Linn County to equal 8,000 dump truck loads of organic debris. This includes debris on private property in rural Linn County. At full capacity, the Secondary Road Department estimates it can clear approximately 100 loads of organic debris per day.

Linn County is actively looking for accessible drop-off sites for rural residents to use to dispose of their organic debris, in addition to the two Solid Waste Agency locations and will announce those locations once they are identified.

Currently, rural residents can dispose of tree debris at either Solid Waste Agency location, 1954 County Home Road, north of Marion, and 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids. Regular hours of operation are in effect at both locations. If assistance is needed for debris removal, homeowners are encouraged to contact local contractors. Use caution when hiring unknown or out-of-state contractors. Be sure to get a quote for work and do not pay up front for removal or repair services. Contact your insurance company for information regarding damage claims. Save all of your receipts in case the expenses are eligible for reimbursement from insurance or a disaster relief program.

Residents in unincorporated Linn County who are unable to dispose of their organic debris on their own may place it near their drive entrance for Linn County to remove. Residents are advised that the removal process could take up to 16 weeks or more due to the widespread damage and sheer volume of debris. Debris placed for removal should not block the roadway or sight lines and must be accessible by road crews. When possible, cut tree limbs into 10 feet long sections.

Linn County is actively seeking additional ways to help residents through state and federal resources.