

## Winter Storm Mara Final Update

### April 26, 2023

- City of Elgin staff executed and delivered on a plan as endorsed by the Mayor and City Council, at a public Council Meeting, days after the storm to provide curbside collection of storm debris to every home in Elgin and waive fees for permits related to sort recovery.
- City of Elgin Public Works collected 13,800 cubic yards of storm debris since Winter Storm Mara February 2023. Including major clean-up efforts in five city parks and at four City facilities.
- In the wake of the storm, it was universally agreed that the COE had the largest per-capita accumulation of storm debris of any city in the area.
- The City did not have an appropriate location for a debris drop-off site; nor the staffing resources that could provide both a drop-off and curbside collection. This was the first time ever in the history of Elgin that the City provided curbside collection of yard waste to every home.
- Development Services waived 32 permits, expedited 32 energization reviews, and waived one other permit for recovery from Winter Storm Mara.
- \$170,000 wood chipper and chipper truck approved by City Council in January arrived in March and were used with a 15 yard dump trailer and a grapple attachment for an existing Kubota tractor to enhance the brush collection operations.
- City of Elgin public works employees worked 4,238 hours on Winter Storm Mara debris collection.
- The City of Elgin extends thanks to the citizens for their patience and support during the storm recovery process.

As of April 24 the City of Elgin has completed collecting debris from Winter Storm Mara that was set out in accordance with stated guidelines. Residents needing additional resources for brush removal should use bulk trash or contact other resources.

- The next bulk pick up schedule is June 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>....” Bulk trash collection information <https://www.elgintexas.gov/261/Trash-Recycling>
- Other Disposal Options for brush: Fenske Sand and Gravel, Hornsby Bend BioSolids Management Site, Austin Wood Recycling, Texas [Trash.com](https://www.trash.com). The Elgin Chamber of Commerce is a resource for additional options. These are not provided as recommendations.