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Mayor Taylor Issues Proclamation of Local Emergency

On September 7, 2020 the City of Prosser endured a significant wind storm causing damage to numerous trees throughout the city. Many of the damaged trees have fallen, blocking public rights-of-way and access to various properties throughout the city. The conditions warrant the issuance of a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency. The proclamation is scheduled to be ratified through Council action by Resolution at tonight's Regular City Council meeting.

Public Works Director, Marty Groom said, "We have a great team. Thanks to the quick response of our partners from the local electric companies Benton PUD and Benton REA as well as the Port of Benton, the City's Public Works Crews were able to begin the tough work of clearing city rights-of-way. The Police Department was instrumental in assisting with barricades and detours that allowed crews to safely work throughout the night on clean-up efforts in streets and city parks, which is still ongoing."

The City is working with Basin Disposal Inc., (BDI) to provide dumpsters for citizens to dispose of yard waste caused by the storm, at no cost to residents. Those dumpsters will arrive tomorrow afternoon and will be placed at the parking lot located on Bennett Avenue and 8th Street. City residents are allowed to place brush debris only in these bins for a limited time.

Another option available to city residents is to utilize the free curbside "extra" pick-up service through BDI. If residents have "extras" that are boxed, bagged or bundled or any limbs and/or branches 4 feet in length or less that citizens would like to have picked up, please be sure to place the items 3 feet away from your trash can near your normal pickup location on your property, the night before your regular pick-up day. Residents are encouraged to not fill bags or boxes any more than 65 pounds; items weighing more than this will not be picked up. The "extras" pick-up schedule is as follows:

<u>Garbage Day</u>	<u>Day for Extras</u>
Tues/Wed	Tuesdays
Thurs/Fri	Fridays

This free service is being offered to all city residents. Please direct any questions to City Hall at (509) 786-2332.

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