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NEWS RELEASE

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Burning Yard Waste: The burning of yard waste is illegal in the city of Lansing. Residents found burning leaves, brush, and grass could be fined a minimum of \$150.

Storm Debris Removal: Storm debris should be prepared in accord with the City's yard waste disposal policy. Materials less than 2 inches in diameter should be cut into lengths of not more than 4 feet, bundled and placed at the curbside. Materials larger than 2 inches in diameter should be cut in lengths of not more than 4 feet and stacked at the curbside. Do not block the street, sidewalks or driveways. City crews will pick up the materials on your regularly scheduled day for yard waste pick up. The Public Service Department asks that all storm debris be placed at the curbside no later than Monday, June 23.

Army National Guard: A minimum of 6 National Guard troops are still working in Lansing. They are assisting in the removal of debris that affects the public's safety (i.e. hanging trees, leaning trees, etc.).

Damage reporting: Reminder that residents may call 211 to report storm damage or to seek assistance in removing storm debris. Residents may also call 211 to volunteer in the clean-up efforts. Residents may also seek assistance at any Lansing fire station or police precinct.

Avoid scams: City of Lansing work crews will be wearing proper identification. Be cautious of contractors soliciting payment for cleanup work in the city's right-of-way. Please call (517) 483-6019 if you have concerns.

Parks open: The following parks are now open:

- Fenner Nature Center (trails remain closed)
- Scott Woods Park
- Gier Park
- Hunter Park