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## BURLINGTON DEBRIS MANAGEMENT POST MARCH 7, 2014 ICE STORM

BURLINGTON, NC – The City of Burlington is initiating its contractor debris collection program in the wake of the March 7<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm. Starting Wednesday, March 19, 2014 the City's debris collection contractor, Phillips & Jordan, will begin debris collection services. The contractor will spread its forces throughout the city in defined zones to evenly distribute its collection efforts. Collection efforts will take place seven days a week, from sunup to sundown.

It will take approximately 3 weeks for workers to make the first pass. If all debris is not picked up during the initial pass, please continue to move remaining debris to the right-of-way as a second pass will be made.

City of Burlington residents are asked to place disaster-generated debris on the public right-of-way prior to Wednesday the 19th. The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement. Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be collected.

It's important for residents to leave 5' between debris piles and trash/recycle carts to facilitate normal refuse collections. Do not place debris on any water meter vault, or near fire hydrant or other above-ground utilities. Do not place debris in culverts or curb drains as this could cause street flooding. Vegetative debris, limbs and shrubbery should be placed at the curb. Bundling or strapping debris is not required; typical size restrictions are waived while the contractor is collecting debris.

Bulk waste and storm debris will be collected at no charge to residents. Vegetative debris, white goods and household bulk materials need to be placed in separate piles to allow workers to access them effectively. During this time, City crews will also still continue pickup of containerized yard waste.

For all debris related questions please contact the Public Works Department at 336-222-5005. Please check the City website at www.BurlingtonNC.gov for additional information and updates on the debris removal process.

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