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Public Service Message: Recent Storm Response

KALAMAZOO, MI – The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) offers the following update regarding the recent weather event and State of Emergency of Tuesday, May 7, 2024. As first responders, the RCKC mobilized immediately to address storm-related emergencies as the inclement weather unfolded. Our teams have been actively engaged in clearing debris and fallen trees from roadways throughout the county since the onset of the storm. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of residents as we continue our efforts to ensure safe passage along affected routes.

In cases of fallen trees on roadways, the RCKC team has and will move the fallen trees outside of the road right-of-way to the adjacent property, clearing the traveled portion of the roads for the safety of the public. Relocated trees from the roadway will be left for the property owner's use and/or disposal. If you see a pink flag near the relocated tree, please contact the RCKC within 15 days for tree removal options.

Please be aware of sagging or broken wires in trees as it can still be "live" with a deadly amount of electricity. **Do NOT approach.** For all of our safety, these cannot be removed by the RCKC Team. We must wait for utility company assistance for an all clear. Please report compromised power lines to 911 or to the appropriate utility company.

General service requests or questions for the RCKC can be sent through our [contact us page](#) on our website at www.kalamazooctyroads.com, or at 269-381-3171.

The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County remains dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community during challenging weather events. We thank residents for their cooperation and understanding during this time.

The RCKC has served as the local road professionals of Kalamazoo County since 1909. RCKC remains committed to our goal of using our expertise, energy, and funds to provide the safest and most convenient road system possible, and to contribute to economic development and high quality of life throughout the county.

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