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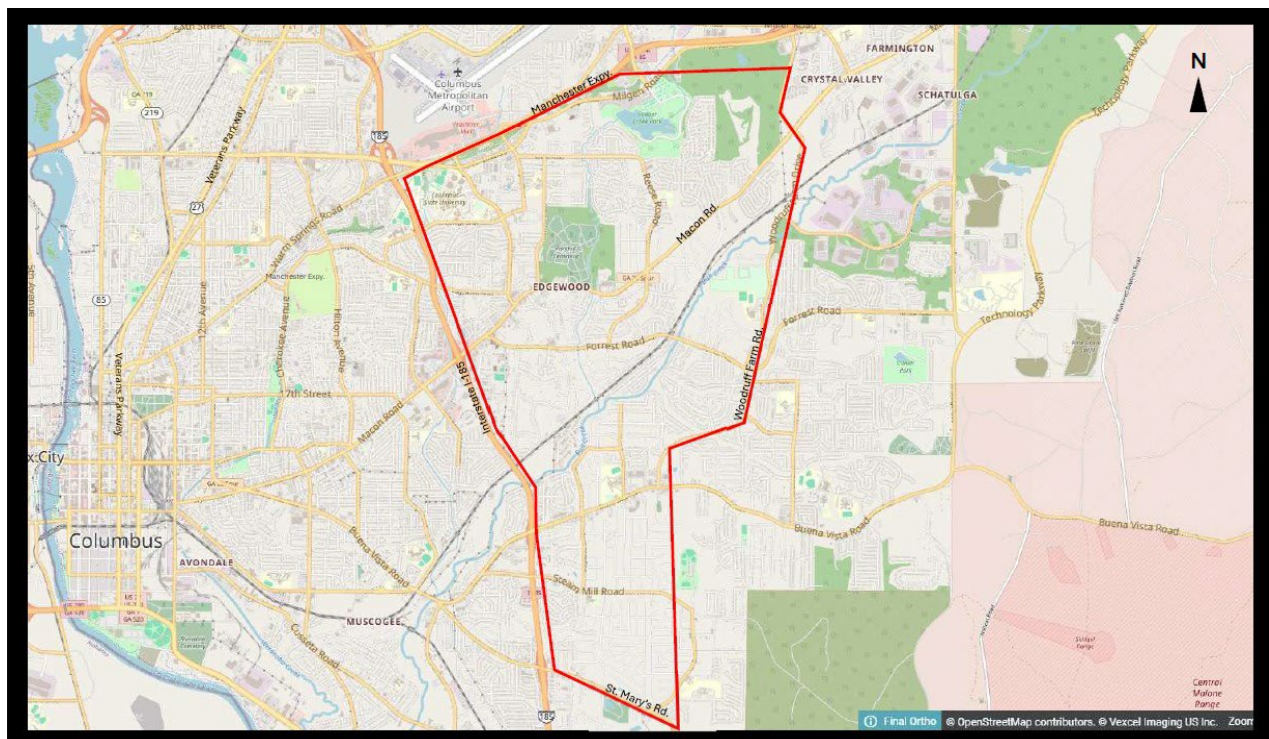
TREE FOR FEE MORATORIUM ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING WIDESPREAD STORM DAMAGE

[Columbus, Georgia] – Due to widespread storm damage in a designated area of Columbus-Muscogee County, the Columbus Consolidated Government's Department of Public Works will enact a temporary moratorium on Tree for Fee charges for eligible residential storm debris.

Public Works has mapped the area affected by the storm to determine which properties qualify for collection under the moratorium. The designated storm collection area is generally bounded by:

- **North:** Columbus-Manchester Expressway
- **East:** Woodruff Farm Road
- **West:** Macon Road
- **South:** St. Mary's Road

This moratorium applies only to residential properties located within the designated storm-affected area. Residents should review the attached map to determine whether their property falls within the storm collection area.



Beginning Monday, September 21, 2026 and continuing through Monday, October 12, 2026, eligible residential storm debris within the designated area will be collected without charge. After October 12, regular Tree for Fee charges will apply.

To qualify for collection:

- The property must be located within the designated storm collection area.
- Tree limbs and debris must have resulted from the recent storm.
- Trees and limbs must be cut into lengths no longer than four feet and six inches in diameter.
- Debris must be placed at the curb for collection.
- Debris must not block streets, sidewalks, storm drains, fire hydrants, mailboxes or utility equipment.
- Debris must be placed away from vehicles and other stationary objects.
- Residents must contact 311 to submit a request for storm debris collection.

This moratorium applies to residential customers within the designated storm-affected area only.

Residents who hire a private tree-removal, landscaping or other commercial company must ensure that removal and disposal of the debris are included as part of the company's service. Private contractors may not cut trees or limbs and leave the debris at the curb for collection by the City. Debris generated by a private contractor will not qualify for collection under the moratorium.

Residents are asked to be patient as Public Works crews respond to storm debris throughout the affected area. Because crews will be redirected from regular daily operations, some routine services may experience delays.

Debris that does not meet these requirements will not be collected and will remain the responsibility of the resident.

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