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City of Renton Continues to Offer Free Services to Help With Storm Recovery

*Renton Shelter Remains Open, Expanded Yard Waste Collection,
Free Extra Garbage Pickup, Free Permits for Storm Damage Structure Repairs
Holiday Lights Turned On*

Renton, WA: The City of Renton continues to offer free services to help citizens recover from the windstorm.

Shelter and Services for Residents without power: The city's shelter at the Highlands Neighborhood Community Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE, will remain open tonight and during the day Friday, December 22, 2006, to assist storm victims in Renton. Meals will be offered at the shelter. Residents who need transportation to the center should call the shelter at 425-430-6744 to schedule a pick-up. The shelter has limited capability and those seeking shelter are asked to bring personal hygiene/maintenance items. Free showers will continue to be available during the day at the Renton Community Center at 1715 Maple Valley Highway.

Holiday lights have been turned on again at Coulon Park, the Piazza in downtown Renton and at Renton City Hall.

Free Storm Damage Building Permits: Renton citizens who experienced structure damage to their homes or businesses are offered free storm damage building permits. The normal fee for this type of permit is based on the value of repairs and will be waived only for permits pertaining to storm-related damage (with the exception of the \$4.50 Washington State surcharge). The city will also expedite these specific permit applications by granting them immediately, provided the applicant has met all criteria. This waiver is available beginning December 21, 2006 until February 28, 2007. Downloadable applications are available at www.rentonwa.gov and must be returned in person from Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. with the exception of December 25, 2006, December 26, 2006, and January 1, 2007. Citizens must bring their completed application to the permit services counter at the Renton City Hall, 6th floor (1055 South Grady Way, Renton). For details, call the City of Renton Development Services Division at 425.430.7283.

Free Extra Garbage - One-Time Pickup: On December 26, 2006, and December 27, 2006, single-family residential customers will be allowed one free extra garbage container to help cleanup extra garbage created by the storm. The extra garbage container should not exceed a 15-gallon bag, box, or other sturdy container. Customers should set the extra garbage bag, box or container next to the regular garbage can by 7:00 a.m. on their collection day.

Extra garbage in excess of 15 gallons will be charged at the rate of \$4.00 per unit (each 15 gallon).

Expanded Yard Waste Collection: The city's Solid Waste Utility is partnering with Waste Management to expand its yard waste collection program and help single-family residential customers with the cleanup of downed trees and broken limbs. While the city's residential customers have always enjoyed unlimited, weekly collection of yard waste, Waste Management and the city will offer additional yard waste collection December 26, 2006 through January 3, 2007. Details for the expanded service are provided below:

Post Storm Yard Waste Collection

- ?? Who: City of Renton single-family residential solid waste customers
- ?? When: December 26, 2006 - January 3, 2007
- ?? Where: At your curb within 3 feet of the street
- ?? Guidelines:

Set your storm debris out at the curbside by 7 a.m. on your garbage collection day.

Yard waste includes all branches and limbs up to 5 feet in length and up to 4 inches in diameter for this special collection.

Place yard waste inside the city-provided 96-gallon yard waste cart. For storm debris that does not fit in your cart, please stack in bundles no larger than 3 feet tall by 5 feet in length and set next to your cart. Wrap bundles with natural twine. Bundles should not exceed 40 pounds.

No tree trunks or wood rounds will be collected.

For large wood rounds and tree trunks, the Solid Waste Utility suggests customers store these on-site to be used as firewood. Other options for recycling are also provided below.

Holiday Collection Schedule: The holiday collection schedule is in effect Monday, December 25, 2006, and Monday, January 1, 2007. Garbage and yard waste collection will be one day later. Customers whose collection is on Mondays will get their garbage collected on Tuesday, and those normally scheduled for Tuesday will have their collection on Wednesday.

Storm Debris: Rainier Wood Recyclers will be accepting "storm debris" from homeowners free of charge from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Auburn- 32300 148th Avenue SE, 253-333-0333 and Fall City-33216 SE Redmond Fall City Road (State Route 202), 425-222-0008.

For more yard waste and wood waste options, please visit King County Solid Waste Division's website at:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/wdidw/material.asp>

