

Hi, I'm Scot Lahrmer, Amberley Village Manager.

You received a message from me last week regarding the Village's efforts to combat the coronavirus and why we have suspended the collection of brush.

Due to last night's storms that toppled trees and snapped utility poles in some of our neighborhoods, brush pick up will have to be resumed. However, brush pickup will not occur until Duke Energy has neutralized live electric lines so that the Village can clear the trees from the street.

Currently our priority is opening street access for those residents who are blocked by fallen trees, electrical poles and wires. Instead of our traditional curbside chipping methods, our initial efforts will be hauling larger logs and trees to the North Site headquarters of our Maintenance Department to address later.

Residential brush pickup may still be several days away, as we must manage emergency access and public right of ways first. We will get your storm damage brush but it may be awhile.

Chief Wallace has asked that the following measures be taken to assist us in keeping residents safe as we work to get to everyone as quickly as possible:

- DO NOT BLOCK FIRE HYDRANTS
- PILES SHOULD BE CLEAN, NEAT, STACKED AND FREE OF DEBRIS
- CONTRACTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN DEBRIS REMOVAL
- LOGS 6 – 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER SHOULD BE IN A SEPARATE PILE

Electric restoration by Duke Energy is underway. I have spoken to a Duke Energy representative who informed me 60,000 customers were without power with the storm and that number is now down to

39,500. Given the number of outage events Duke is facing, it will be some time before all power can be restored. If you want to see an electrical outage map and the estimated time of restoration, please visit Duke Energy's website.

Questions may be directed to the Amberley Village Administration Office at 531-8675.