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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth opened a regularly scheduled drop off site for brush and tree parts related to the emergency quarantine due to the detection of emerald ash borer (EAB) on Park Point. After three weeks of monitoring and operating the drop off site, the demand has dwindled warranting a temporary closure. The City will reassess a regular schedule in early spring when there are more tree care activities.

Park Point residents will still have access to the site by making a request to Dale Sellner, Parks Maintenance, at 218-730-4303. The emergency quarantine is still in effect until February 1, after which a formal quarantine will begin. Under the quarantine, no wood parts can leave the Point.

The City reminds the general public that this brush drop off site is strictly for Park Point residents and is not a trash receptacle. In addition, the public is not allowed to bring in tree parts from other areas of the city to Park Point.

This temporary closure would be effective January 11, 2016 with a new schedule to be determined and announced in early spring. The City thanks the public for their cooperation.

As a reminder, the City's EAB Draft Management Plan is also available for public review and comment until January 31 at the City's website, <u>http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/emerald-ash-borer/</u>

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