



# TREE BRANCH PICKUP PROGRAM

Merrillville Street Department now offers a tree branch pick-up program for Merrillville residents. Each day, teams will go through neighborhoods picking up branches left neatly at the curbside. The program is designed so homeowners can trim tree branches, low hanging branches, or branches knocked down after a windy day or storms with high wind.

The program is NOT designed for, nor can our equipment accommodate, complete tree removals or branches larger than 6 inches in diameter. This FREE service is meant to assist homeowners in keeping property trees trimmed and to help keep sidewalks clear of low hanging branches. Trees in parkways are also the responsibility of the homeowner to keep trimmed.

With over 12,000 individual homes in town, the program can only spend up to 20-minutes per household. If you have a rather large pile, or your pile is in an intertangled messy pile, we will get what we can in the 20-minute stop but will have to come back during the next pickup to finish. If this happens, please be patient because it could be several weeks before your next pickup.

It is requested that you stack your branches all the same way with the cut end all stacked together so we can quickly pick up and grind the branches. Branches larger than 6 inches in diameter will not be picked up but will be accepted at the North Barn location at 5750 Tyler Place, Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Your I.D. will be required to leave branches there. If you cannot bring them, you may hire a tree service or landscape company to pick up the larger branches that the town just cannot handle.

## Reminders:

- Branches only 6 inches in diameter
- Only 20-minutes per location
- Dates: April 26<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Large stumps, trunks, or pieces of wood will not be picked up
- Stack branches neatly running in the same direction
- This is a free service

***Thank you all for making this work!***