



# News Release

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## **AFC Crews working across the state to clear ice storm debris**

**LITTLE ROCK, ARK.** – The Arkansas Forestry Commission has been working closely with community leaders, fire departments and emergency personnel across the state in areas hard hit by last week's ice storm.

AFC chainsaw and dozer crews are working in the following areas:

- Dozer crews from Forrest City and Jonesboro assisted with debris disposal operations at the Craighead County landfill;
- Personnel from the Malvern area cleared roads in Eureka Springs;
- Carroll, Randolph and Sharp County staff worked to clear roads within their counties; and
- Benton and Madison County employees cleared roads to allow for food delivery to residents.

The Arkansas Forestry Commission urges residents to use extreme caution when clearing tree debris from the recent ice storm. Large broken or hanging limbs are dangerous hazards, and homeowners are urged to contact a professional arborist for post-storm cleanup.

Professional Arborists have the equipment and know-how to safely remove broken or downed limbs and to help save and repair trees. The AFC recommends hiring a certified arborist with proof of insurance, and warns homeowners to beware of drive-by tree services.

For more information on ice storm cleanup or finding a certified arborist, visit the Arkansas Forestry Commission web site at [www.arkansasforestry.org](http://www.arkansasforestry.org).

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