

**(S.D.)-Rapid City Debris Cleanup To Last Until Christmas**

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - Rapid City has spent nearly half a million dollars in the first week of a curbside pickup program for yard debris from the Oct. 4 blizzard that damaged or destroyed thousands of trees in the city of 68,000 people.

A Minneapolis company was awarded the contract for the yard debris removal. Rapid City Public Works Director Terry Wolterstorff says crews are working seven days a week, and the operation is expected to continue until Christmas.

He says some of the work won't be eligible for federal aid, but officials believe it's a service that needs to be provided.

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