



**LAGRANGE**  
GEORGIA

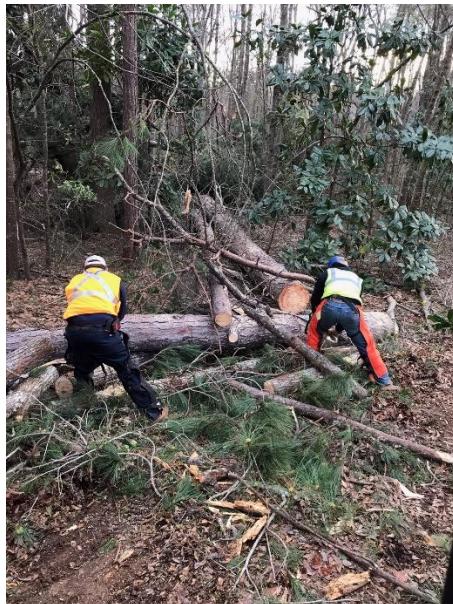
*News Release*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 5, 2019

## **City of LaGrange Public Works Employees Assist in Storm Damage Cleanup**

***LaGrange, Ga. March 5, 2019*** - City of LaGrange Public Works crews assisted in storm damage cleanup Monday in nearby Pine Mountain.



Public Works crews clearing storm debris in Pine Mountain

Twelve city employees spent the day in Pine Mountain clearing the areas ravaged by the storms in east Alabama and west Georgia.

A wave of strong storms passed through the region Sunday afternoon leaving devastation and at least twenty-three people dead in east Alabama.

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp toured the damage caused by a tornado in Talbotton Monday and declared a state of emergency for Harris, Talbot and Grady counties. Pine Mountain is in Harris County.

“We called Pine Mountain Mayor Jim Trott and offered our help in cleaning up the area. Our crews thought we have all the equipment to help and we’re only 15 miles away,” said Public Services Director Dion Senn. “Electric crews always help other communities and our public works wanted to also help.”

Crews helped to cut down trees on utility lines and the right of way throughout the Mountain Brook neighborhood. The City of LaGrange brought in two excavators, a bobcat, and five dump trucks to aid in the clean-up efforts.

“The sections of Mountain Brook subdivision were completely devastated. When we drove into the subdivision we saw hundreds of trees blown over. The residents have no power and most of them are stranded because the trees are blocking their driveways,” said Senn. “The outpouring of support for the first responders from the community has been overwhelming. We’ve been fed very well and they continue to thank us.”



Public Works crews clearing storm debris in Pine Mountain

Public Works crews plan to continue helping in the clean-up effort in Pine Mountain for the next several days.

**Media Contact:** Dion Senn, LaGrange Public Services Director,  
[dsenn@lagrangegeorgia.org](mailto:dsenn@lagrangegeorgia.org) or (706) 881-4563

To keep up with the latest news involving the City of LaGrange, go to [www.lagrangegeorgia.org](http://www.lagrangegeorgia.org) or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/lagrangegeagov, Twitter at @lagrangegeagov, & Instagram at instagram.com/cityoflagrangegeorgia

###