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Beloit, Wisconsin (July 24, 2012) - At approximately 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24 the City of Beloit experienced a severe thunderstorm with 52 miles-per-hour winds. The Fire Department initiated a Disaster Box alarm and the City of Beloit opened an Emergency Operation Center. Homes and vehicles were damaged by storm debris but there have been no reports of injuries. At 6:00 a.m., nearly 7,000 Beloit customers were without power. By 8:30 a.m. power to 3,600 customers was restored leaving 3,400 customers without power. The City's Public Works crews and City inspectors are assessing the damage. Roads will be open after debris is removed and power lines are properly removed and repaired.

The City of Beloit's Public Works Department will announce a debris removal plan for residents with tree damage on their private property. When the pick-up dates are announced, Public Works will accept tree limbs up to 4-inches in diameter. A list of licensed tree trimmers will be posted on the City's website this morning.

The Police and Fire Department encourages residents to call (608) 757-2244 with non-emergency calls and 9-1-1 if they have an emergency. Public Works questions should be directed to (608) 364-2929.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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