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State prison inmates to assist with Rapid City clean up

Pierre, S.D. - State prison inmates will assist elderly and disabled residents in Rapid City following the recent snowstorm.

Minimum-security inmates from the temporary Rapid City Trusty Unit will shovel snow for elderly and disabled homeowners who are unable to clear the snow themselves or are financially unable to hire someone to do so for them. Inmates will also assist elderly and disabled homeowners in getting downed tree branches to the curbside for the city crews to pick up.

The "Scoop It" snow removal program is coordinated through community resource organizations. In Rapid City, the United Way coordinates the effort and does a screening of those asking for the assistance and then informs the prison unit of the need. A correctional officer accompanies the inmate crew, which is made up of non-violent inmates who are nearing the end of their sentences.

For assistance, contact the United Way of the Black Hills at (605) 343-5872.

The "Scoop It" program has operated in Sioux Falls and Yankton since 2001. This is the first year the service was available in Rapid City.