

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Definition.

Yard waste includes organic waste generated during regular household landscaping and gardening activities. Examples include: straw, hedges, shrubs, tree trimmings, and other inert materials resulting from general residential yard cleaning. Rocks, dirt and gravel are not considered yard waste.

Storage.

Yard waste may be placed at the curbside or street-side preferably on the day of collection.

Yard waste shall be sorted and stored in the following manner:

(1) Yard waste shall not be placed in or mixed with other solid wastes.

(2) Yard waste shall be sorted and stored separately for collection in such a manner as to facilitate collection by the Public Works Department.

Preparation of yard waste.

(1) Yard waste shall not be mixed with household waste or other solid waste.

(2) Yard waste shall be placed within five (5) feet of the curb or edge of pavement and at least three (3) feet away from other collection items and obstacles such as mailboxes, phone poles, vehicles, etc. Do not block the sidewalk. If the Public Works Department is unable to reach the yard waste due to an obstruction, it will not be collected.

(3) Separate brush, limbs and logs into piles that are no larger than five (5) inches in diameter, five (5) feet wide and five (5) feet high. Piles larger than these dimensions **shall result in an additional collection charge of \$25 per load.**

(4) Put yard waste in one (1) pile. Collection crews will only pick up one (1) pile and will not move their truck multiple times at the same residence to pick up yard waste without **an additional fee of \$25 per pickup pile.**

(5) Should pile weigh more than city collection equipment can handle, the Public Works Department will notify the homeowner.

(6) Leaves, straw, hedges, shrubs, tree trimmings, grass and other inert materials resulting from general residential yard cleaning should not be placed in ditches or along the curbs. When ditches and storm drains get clogged with leaves and debris, water no longer drains from the street it ponds along streets and can flood intersections and homes.

Yard waste that will not be collected.

(1) Yard waste generated by private contractors performing tree removal, mowing, trimming or other landscaping activities at residences. All nurseries, landscape gardening firms, clearing, grading and

building contractors and logging and pulpwood related operations shall remove all solid waste which they generate through their work.

(2) Trimmings where trees are trimmed or cut for compensation whether the compensation is in cash or in the wood from the trees trimmed.

(3) Trimmings from the original development of a lot.

(4) Tree stumps and root balls.

(5) Yard debris on vacant lots.

(6) Yard waste that is not properly prepared or is mixed with garbage or other solid waste.

Any contractor working on the property of another person or owner shall, upon completion of the work undertaken or upon termination of the undertaking for any other reason, remove from the work site property all yard rubbish or trash that is on such property as a result of the contractor, its subcontractor, agent or employee working thereon, including but not limited to, yard rubbish or trash resulting from trimming trees, clearing land, excavating, bulldozing, cutting trees and site preparation for building. **Any such materials found in the right-of-way shall be immediately removed by the city, and the costs of such removal will be billed to the property owner.**

Note: Trimmings generated by tree surgeons are collected by the department of public works only after a natural disaster.

Frequency of collections.

Yard waste pickup shall be any time from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on the day of collection, once per week. Modifications to collection schedules may occur due to holidays, changes in weather conditions, crew assignment and equipment problems which shall cause the pickup time to be earlier or later in the day. Yard waste placed out for collection should always be out by 7:00 a.m. on collection day.

Monday Route

Powerhouse Road District
Betsy Lynn District
Brandywine District
Indian Springs Drive District
West Johnston Street District
Country Club Drive District
Fletcher Heights District
Central District
MLK Drive District
Blount Hill District
West Sharp Street District
West Main Street District

Tuesday Route

East Sharp Street District
South Lee Street District
Kimball Street District
East Main Street District
Newton Drive District
Holiday Circle District
East Johnston Street District
Evergreen District
KOA District
Milledge Circle District