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RECYCLING YARD WASTE

A team effort with you and the City of Hickory.

Millions of pounds of yard waste are recycled each year into compost and mulch, saving a valuable and useful resource from being simply thrown away. But to make this process as efficient as it needs to be, we need your help. Please refer to this handout for guidance.

Yard waste is collected once a week at the curb on the same day as your rollout garbage. Please prepare your yard waste in the following manner to ensure collection. *If guidelines are not followed, additional fees may apply or there may be unnecessary delays.*

BAG IT OR CAN IT:
Small trimmings from shrubs, grass clippings, and small branches should be placed in heavy-duty clear plastic bags or a 32-gallon trashcan labeled yard waste with the lid removed.

DO NOT OVERFILL:
Clear bags suitable for use can be purchased at local retailers, City Hall, or the Public Services Complex. Call (828) 323-7500 for details.

KEEP IT OUT OF THE STREET:
Do not stack yard waste in the street or on the sidewalks.

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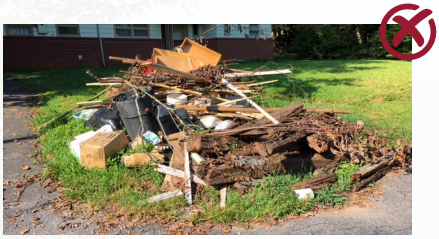


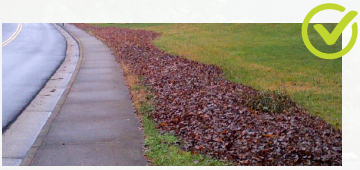
KEEP IT CLEAN:
Do not mix trash or rubbish in with the yard waste to be collected.

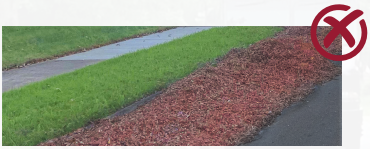
PLACE IT IN THE OPEN:
Do not place yard waste to be collected under low hanging power lines, near parked vehicles, or block storm drains.

CUT AND STACK NEATLY:
Major limbs should be cut away from the tree trunk into pieces less than 6 feet in length and no thicker than 6 inches in diameter. Please lay all branches in a neat, uniform manner with the butt end toward the curb.

LARGE PILES OR STUMPS:
Piles larger than 2 cubic yards (pickup truckload), stumps, tree trunks, or limb pieces greater than 6 inches in diameter may require special handling by the City. Do not stack these pieces with the limbs to be collected. Please place these larger pieces in a separate pile and report it to the Solid Waste Division at (828) 323-7500. Additional fees may apply.

CONTRACTED WORK:
Yard waste resulting from work performed by a contractor will not be collected. Brush, tree limbs, logs, stumps, etc., generated by a contractor are the responsibility of the property owner (or contractor) to remove and dispose of properly. Please be mindful when hiring contractors and ensure they will provide waste removal and proper disposal. Additional fees may apply to remove contractor generated materials.





SAFETY ISSUE:
Do not blow grass clippings or debris into the street. Not only is it unsightly and inconsiderate to others, it is a safety issue that can also result in storm water drainage problems and flooding, and damage to vehicles.

QUESTIONS? Call (828) 323-7500