



When placing yard waste at the curb:

Keep yard waste on the grass in the parkway, do not place it in the street or gutter pan.

Keep grass and leaves separate from brush piles, and place them in paper waste bags.

Do not place stones, lumber or concrete curbside. These items will not be picked up.

Face the cut end of branches, in the same direction (6 inches in diameter or less) toward the street.

Keep yard waste in bags, the only exception will be small brush that will not fit. **in the yard**

If your yard waste is not picked up, then perhaps one of the following occurred?

Bag exceeded 30 lb. weight limit.

Yard waste was not bagged.

Brush and grass clippings mixed.

Garbage mixed with yard debris.

Yard debris placed in gutter.

Material is non-organic, or not allowed for pick up.

Bag contained Animal Waste.

Vehicle in the way.

Cut ends of brush and limbs must face towards the street.

Yard debris was in plastic bags. We only accept biodegradable paper yard waste bags.

The pile of debris was large and falls under the Land Clearing/Large tree removal section of this brochure.

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YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM



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Yard Waste Collection Program

The City provides a curbside yard waste collection program for our residents. The program runs throughout the “growing season”; or from the spring thaw to December 1st. This program is only available for taxpayers of the City of Rockford.

The Yard Waste Collection Program is intended to provide taxpayers a means to dispose of normal yard waste. Normal yard waste includes your grass clippings, leaves, and brush trimmed from trees and shrubs from your yard. Yard waste shall be placed in bio-degradable paper yard waste bags only.

Land clearing, large tree removal, or work done by a contractor, does not qualify for the Cities yard waste collection program.

Visit the City’s website to view a printable color coded map of the yard waste pick-up schedule.

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Yard Waste Collection Schedule

The Department of Public Services (DPS) crews conduct the yard waste collection. Once the “growing season” has begun, the DPS crews will begin the pick up. Their route is to start on the North-East side of the City (Shaw Estates), and systematically move throughout the City to the SE area, SW, and then finishing in the NW (Highlands).

On the first day of each week (Monday), the wood chipper will follow the same route and move throughout the City. Brush up to 6-inches in diameter and over 4-foot long will be chipped. Any brush too small to chip, needs to be placed in yard waste bags. Branches over 6-inches in diameter will NOT be taken. Brush must be curbside by 7 A.M. Monday morning.

Once the DPS Crew has completed the chipping process, the entire route will begin again (Tuesday), for the pick up of yard waste bags. The City is divided into four sections. Each day (Tues-Fri) belongs to a specific section of the City. Please look on the



City’s Website for a printable color coded map of the yard waste pick-up schedule.

Beginning in the middle of October, the DPS crew will start the leaf vacuum season. During this time taxpayers are allowed to rake their leaves curbside. The DPS crew will repeatedly start the same route throughout the City, usually through the end of November, or first accumulating snowfall.



This is the only time of the season that leaves do not have to be bagged. The City still encourages bagging of leaves, as it helps our DPS crew move along in a more efficient manner.

If your yard waste was not picked up, please refer to the back of this brochure for possible reasons. Larger Items such as shrubs, root-balls, and small trees will be collected on an as-needed basis. Please contact City Hall to schedule an appointment for collection.

If none of the typical reasons apply and you feel your pile was missed, call the Rockford City Offices, and it will be reported to the DPS department for attention.

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