

Yard Waste Collection

Curbside yard waste collection starts early March. If your garbage day is Monday or Tuesday, your yard waste day is Thursday. If your garbage day is Wednesday or Thursday, your yard waste day is Tuesday. Yard waste will be collected west of 2nd Ave on Thursday and east of 2nd Ave on Tuesday. The routes will come to a close on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Bags— Any organic yard waste suchs as grass, leaves, twigs and garden waste will be picked up if standard, biodegradable, self-standing yard waste bags are used, (plastic bags are not allowed). Locally, they are available at Ace-n-More, Fareway, HyVee and Walmart. Bags must not exceed 50 lbs.

Bundles— Tree trimmings, brush and twigs will be collected if properly bundled. Tied bundles of trimmings shall be collected if bundles do not exceed 75lbs, 18 inches in diameter and 5ft in length. The bundles should be tied with biodegradable twine or string. Branch size should not exceed 5 inches in diameter. A maximum of 3 bundles will be collected per collection day. Larger quantities of branches are considered commercial and are the responsibility of the owner.

Burning— Residents are allowed to carefully burn dry leaves and twigs on their private property only! (Not in the right-of-way). City ordinance prohibits the burning of any trash, garbage, and green or damp yard waste.

Yard Waste Center— Residents are welcome to haul and dispose of their yard waste and brush at the Yard Waste Center located next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1065 W. Buchanan St. The YWC hours are Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., phone - 319-653-2638.

There are two piles of yard waste. One pile is for tree branches and the other is for yard and garden waste. Please place yard waste in the appropriate pile if you are hauling it yourself. If you bring yard waste in plastic bags, please remember to dump out the contents and take the bags with you.

The YWC does not accept any type of building materials or other debris. So remember, if you didn't grow it, don't throw it!

Piles of ground up yard waste are available to Washington residents to use on their garden, flowerbeds or just filling in low spots in the yard. If interested, bring your truck or containers and a shovel. There are woodchips also available on occasion. Sorry, because of liability reasons the YWC staff cannot help load mulch or compost. YWC phone # 319-653-2638.