

## Yard Waste

Leaves, grass clippings, shrubs, weeds and brush, and twigs and small branches are all considered yard waste and are not accepted at the landfill.

Yard waste should be placed at the curb on the normal yard waste collection days and should be cut into lengths less than 4 feet. Yard waste is picked up from April 1 through November 30. They do **NOT** pick up between December 1 and March 31.

**Please note:** Do not place yard waste in plastic bags – use only biodegradable paper bags (available from hardware and grocery stores) or clearly marked rigid containers. **Plastic bags will not be picked up! Plastic bags are not compostable and are unacceptable items in our compost yard.**

### Acceptable yard waste items:

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Shrubs
- Weeds and Brush
- Shrubbery
- Twigs and small branches (less than four inches in diameter)
- Christmas trees – whole trees, no decorations, no lights, no tinsel, no garland. **Do not place trees in plastic bags (real trees only).**

### Unacceptable items:

Only yard waste is permitted in yard waste bags and containers. Please do not place food/pet waste, dirt or rocks, plastic bags or bottles, sod, soil, or plastic plant pots into yard waste bags or containers. Please do not use plastic bags to collect yard waste. Please use compostable bags.

The infographic is titled "Turn Your Yard Waste into Compost. Franklin County's Curbside Pick-Up Program". It features a cartoon character on the left with the text "It all starts with YOU!". The main content is divided into two columns: "ACCEPTED" and "NOT ACCEPTED".

**ACCEPTED:**

- Leaves (shown as a cluster of colorful autumn leaves)
- Grass Clippings (shown as a pile of green grass)
- Shrubs (shown as a bundle of dried shrub branches)
- Weeds & Brush (shown as a pile of dried weeds and brush)
- Twigs (shown as a bundle of dried twigs)

**NOT ACCEPTED:**

- No Food/Pet Waste (shown with a red 'X' over a piece of food)
- No Dirt or Rocks (shown with a red 'X' over a pile of dirt and rocks)
- No Plastic Bags or Bottles (shown with a red 'X' over a plastic bag and a bottle)
- Don't Use Plastic Bags (Keep It Loose or Use Compostable Bags) (shown with a red 'X' over a plastic bag filled with yard waste)

For questions & information on proper yard waste composting, visit [SWACO.org/YardWaste](http://SWACO.org/YardWaste)

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## Chipper Service

For longer and thicker branches and brush, the Village offers an on-demand chipper service. Residents can complete a work order request for the Village chipper crew to come to their house on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from mid-April through mid-October. If the Village receives a large number of requests or inclement weather, collection may occur on the following days.

Scheduling chipper service allows the Village to offer residents this amenity more cost-effectively than having crews drive throughout the entire community each week to seek out branches piled at the curb.

Before placing a work order request, residents should place their large limbs and brush (more than 4-feet long and 4-inches in diameter) in the tree lawn near the curb. Do not include vines, thorns, root balls, grass of any kind, and foreign materials such as metal, lumber, nails, wire, string, rope, or staples in chipper piles.

This service is great for storm damage and resident landscaping needs. Those with excessive amounts or who are unable to wait for their scheduled pick up should make other arrangements. Commercial companies hired to cut down trees or clear areas are solely responsible for removal.

**The Village does not remove private trees nor provide chipper service for private trees taken down on residential property. This is a service provided for normal maintenance and pruning of your trees.**