

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard Waste collection service is intended for the collection of routine lawn and landscape maintenance.

Service Frequency: Weekly

Guidelines for Yard Waste collection:

- Waste must be curbside from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Place within 3 feet of the curb or edge of the street or road
- Place at least 3 feet from other fixed objects and vehicles
- Each bundle, bag or container of yard waste should weigh no more than 50 pounds
- Grass trimmings and leaves must be bagged or containerized for collection
- Routine yard waste or trimmings should not exceed 6 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter. If branches or trimmings must be cut or altered to meet these specifications, the material may not be considered routine. Removal will be the responsibility of the resident. Contact Waste & Recycling for a list of commercial haulers.



As a part of Polk County's Residential Collection program each property is assessed for 500 pounds of yard waste disposal at \$5.76 per year. That's about \$.11 per service.

Routine yard waste is any vegetative matter resulting from routine residential lawn and landscaping maintenance, which includes:

- Shrub and tree trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Palm fronds
- Branches

Material placed curbside that does not meet the county guidelines of routine yard trash will be tagged with a non-collection notice, informing the resident that the material is non-conforming debris and cannot be collected as part of the residential curbside program. If material is non-conforming, then disposal is the responsibility of the resident.



Routine yard waste does NOT include:

- Whole trees/tree trunks
- Stumps/logs
- Root systems
- Land clearing debris (i.e. rocks, bushes)



Plan Ahead!

Yard waste that appears to be from a major landscaping event will not be collected. Plan for tree removals and other large-scale landscaping events in advance. Contact our customer care team for a list of private haulers who will remove large yard waste from your property.

