

City of Harper Woods
Department of Public Works
313.343.2570

Yard Waste & Grass Clippings - Proper Disposal

Yard Waste and Grass Clippings are only collected between May 1st and October 31st, as mandated by State Law. When preparing Yard Waste for pick-up please follow these guidelines:

- Yard waste must be placed in a rigid container with accessible handles or in biodegradable paper bags designed specifically for yard waste disposal (all hardware stores carry the bags).
- Containers are not to exceed 32 gallons and residents must clearly label containers "***Yard Waste.***" Green "***Yard Waste***" stickers are available at City Hall.
- Containers and biodegradable paper bags must be placed curbside on regularly scheduled refuse collection days prior to 7:00 a.m., and no more than 12 hours in advance of your collection time.
- Containers must not exceed 40 pounds in weight. As a rule of thumb, if you cannot lift it higher than 1-2 feet off of the ground it is too heavy.
- **Do not** dispose of grass clippings and/or yard waste in plastic bags or mixed with your standard refuse. Yard waste which is improperly disposed of will not be collected and will constitute a violation of the city ordinance.
- The City encourages the use of mulching lawn mowers, frequent grass cutting and/or composting of yard waste materials

Tree Branch Disposal

The city collects properly bundled tree branches. When preparing Tree Branches for pick-up please follow these guidelines:

- All tree branches must be bundled and must not exceed 4 feet in length and 40 pounds in weight.
- Individual branches must not exceed 2 inches in diameter.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

During the fall months, the Department of Public Works collects leaves on your regularly scheduled garbage/trash pick-up day. Generally, leaf pick-up is done from approximately mid-to-late October through the end of November.

Circumstances will determine the pick-up schedule. Check the announcement tab on the City's web site (www.harperwoodscity.org) in October for the pick-up schedule. Please follow these guidelines for leaf pick-up:

- Do not rake leaves into the street any sooner than the night before your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. Try to keep the leaves close to the curb.
- Only place leaves in the street. Branches and other items can damage our equipment.
- If it is going to rain, try to wait as long as possible before placing leaves in the street, as leaves block the drainage and can cause street flooding and driving hazards.

High Grass & Weeds - Property Maintenance

Section 16-42 of the Code of Ordinances provides property maintenance standards for maintaining and controlling the growth of grass and other vegetation. Click [here](#) to review the property maintenance requirements and enforcement standards. To report a violation of this ordinance, please call, with the property address of the violation, 313.343.2570 or send an e-mail to hwclerk@comcast.net.

Residents who fail to comply with the ordinance will be issued a written notice, and have forty-eight (48) hours to cut or remove such weeds, grass or other vegetation. If the situation is not addressed after forty-eight (48) hours, the Department of Public Works will have a contractor perform the necessary work and bill the homeowner for the contractor's cost plus any administrative fee.

The cost of work performed will be assessed and collected in the same manner outlined in the City's Charter for collection of taxes.