

# Brush & Leaf Collection



## Brush Collection

**Intent** – The brush collection program is intended to help residents maintain the condition of their *existing* yards. The program is not a means for removal of material from lot clearing operations or large landscape projects. Collection/non-collection of questionable quantities and types of yard waste materials will be at the discretion of the Public Works Director.

### Proper brush placement and collection –

No material should be placed over the curb or in gutters or on the street. This is a safety violation as well as a storm water obstruction, and it is a fineable offense.

Pile limbs with all cut ends in the same direction toward the street. Try to avoid interweaving of limbs.

Cut limbs as straight and as long as you can safely handle. Longer limbs are safer

to chip. This helps the road crew to perform a quick, safe, and efficient cleanup of your brush. A simple rule of thumb is if you can safely handle and separate the limbs, the road crew will be able to as well.

Maximum diameter of limbs to be chipped is eight (8) inches. Larger limbs will not be collected.

Limbs placed where they cannot be safely maneuvered into the chipper will not be collected.

Construction debris and old firewood will not be collected. Brush will not be collected if construction debris or old firewood is intermixed.

Road crew personnel will spend no more than 15 minutes per property chipping/

collecting brush.

Root balls, dirt, and sod will not be collected.

All questions and comments should be directed to the township offices at 231-3021.



*Properly sized brush pile*

## Leaf Collection

### Proper leaf placement and collection–

Leaves must be placed directly behind the edge of the street or curb. No material should be placed over the curb or in gutters or on the street. This is a safety violation as well as a storm water obstruction, and it is a fineable offense. Leaf piles must not contain brush, sod, or other debris.

Leaf piles must be placed in open areas to give road crew personnel ample room to safely maneuver leaf

vacuum equipment. Improperly placed leaves will not be collected.

**Open, unsealed** plastic bags may be used. Leaves intermixed with garbage will not be collected. The use of tarps to secure leaves is permitted. Leaves must be piled properly, or they will not be collected.

### General Notes—

A door hanger may be used to convey messages to property owners.

An informational video on

brush & leaf guidelines is available for viewing at: <https://bit.ly/2jgemfL>.

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