

Yard Waste Disposal

Waste Management provides yardwaste collection services to our residents as part of their contract. The pick up dates typically range from approximately April 15 through November 15. However, due to uncertainties with the weather, these dates are subject to change. Please plan ahead as much as possible when doing your yardwork. Once Waste Management discontinues collection for the season it is your responsibility to get rid of yardwaste or move it away from city right-of-ways until spring. Maple Grove's Yardwaste disposal site accepts materials for a fee. <http://www.mgyardwaste.com>

REMINDER: state law requires use of COMPOSTABLE bags for yard waste collection. <http://www.rethinkrecycling.com/compostablebags>

Compost: Grass clippings, leaves, pine needles, pine cones, acorns, small hedge shavings, twigs under 1/2 inch in diameter and under 3 inches long, weeds, flowers, and garden waste should be bagged (under 30 pounds in compostable bags). No limit on small yard waste and no stickers required. You can also use a galvanized or 'Rubbermaid-type' container with a lid for compost disposal. Contents cannot weigh more than 40 pounds. The can must have a sign which clearly reads "Compost" or pick up a "Yardwaste only" sticker provided by Waste Management at City Hall. If you have multiple yard waste cans- only one sign is needed. Yardwaste bags and cans must be placed 5 feet from garbage/recycling carts.

Branches: Brush, hedge clippings and branches must be bundled and are collected by the yardwaste truck from mid-April through mid-November. Branches must be under 3 inches in diameter and under 5 feet in length, bundles of branches must weigh under 30 pounds. Larger debris cannot be picked up even if split to smaller diameter as these are too dense and would damage the compactor in the truck. Stickers are not required. For larger branches, limbs and trunks, contact a tree service or contact [Maple Grove's Yardwaste disposal site](http://www.mgyardwaste.com) for drop-off charges and instructions. <http://www.mgyardwaste.com>

Storm Debris Reminders: City crews first priority is opening roads and alleys. Public tree debris (boulevard and park trees) will be initially pushed aside to clear roads and then cleared with priorities to roads and alleys over sidewalks.

Private trees belong to homeowners. Homeowners are responsible for storm damage to their trees in the same way as they are responsible for storm damage to their homes. The city's yardwaste hauler, Waste Management, will take branches under 3 inches in diameter, under 5 feet in length, bundled. They pick up the yardwaste using a garbage truck. The bundles can't be longer than 5 feet so that they can safely be loaded by hand into the back of the garbage truck. It can't be over 3 inches in diameter and it can't be logs split down to 3 inches as these would cause damage to the compactor on the garbage truck.

Larger tree debris needs to be removed by private contractors or taken to tree waste disposal sites- there are fees charged at disposal sites. Robbinsdale's yardwaste pick up is curb-side for residents; Robbinsdale does not pay for drop-off sites.