

YARD WASTE

- Yard waste is grass, leaves, tree limbs and branches from your yard.
- **Items not accepted as yard waste** include tree stumps, food waste, bamboo, flowerpots or tray, sawdust, dirt, sod, lumber, treated wood, pallets, and gumballs (Sweetgum seed pods).
- You can put as much yard waste at the curb as you need to.
- Tree limbs and branches must be less than 4 feet in length, with a maximum branch diameter of 4 inches.
- Put leaves, brush, branches and grass clippings in biodegradable paper yard waste bags or a reusable container made of metal or rigid plastic, equipped with handles, and marked with an “X” on all sides. Each “X” must be large enough to be visible to the collection crew. This will ensure that they know it is yard waste and not trash.
- **Do not use plastic bags, reusable fabric bags, or County issued 35, 65, or 95-gallon yellow containers for yard waste.** Non-rigid, lightweight containers, including fabric, plastic, collapsible mesh, or similar reusable bags, are not an acceptable container for yard waste for the following reasons:
 - Difficult to recognize at the curb as a yard waste container
 - Difficult to completely empty; twigs, sticks, small branches, and similar materials tend to become tangled inside them
 - Can be mistakenly taken as a trash item
 - Difficult to secure once emptied; may be blown away before retrieval
- Paper yard waste bags should **never** be used to contain shredded paper or other household recyclables for curbside collection.
- If not containerized, branches must be tied into bundles (not to exceed 4 ft/4” diameter)