

Leaves, Brush, Trimmings, & Bulk

Do's & Don'ts



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The do's and don'ts listed below are additional requirements to improve safety, efficiency, and cost. Any materials placed out for collection that do not follow these requirements will be picked up, but the customer will be billed for the entire cost of the collection.

1. During spring and fall free bulk pickups or biweekly leaf collection, leaves may be placed in biodegradable bags, in piles (less than 3 feet tall), or in containers (less than 33 gal. and less than 35 lbs.). Leaves are not accepted in bags or containers during the fall leaf collection that typically takes place from November 1 to December 31.
2. Brush must be loose or in a garbage can. Crews will not collect brush stored in plastic bags, boxes, biodegradable bags, or other unapproved containers. Brush not in an approved refuse container must be cut in lengths not to exceed six feet in length and must be stacked neatly for pickup.
3. Garden trimmings must be loose or in a garbage can. Crews will not collect garden trimmings stored in plastic bags, boxes, biodegradable bags, or other unapproved containers. Garden trimmings not in an approved refuse container must be cut in lengths not to exceed six feet in length and must be stacked neatly for pickup.
4. Only materials generated by the resident will be collected by City crews. Commercial waste is not acceptable.
5. Materials must be placed in the parkway (typically the area between the sidewalk and the curb) or at the end of the driveway near the street (especially if cars park along the street during the day) no earlier than 2 p.m. on the day prior to scheduled collection and no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection.
6. Materials must be placed at least 4 feet from garbage or recycling carts, other solid waste materials (including brush, garden trimmings, and bulk), trees, poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, inlets, utility infrastructure, power lines, or other objects, and at least 10 feet away from vehicle parked in the street.



DON'T

Brush is behind the curb, but it is placed on a road sign



DON'T

Bulk is behind the curb, but it is placed next to a tree



DO

Bulk is behind the curb and 4 feet away from garbage cart

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Acceptable & Unacceptable Materials



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Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable materials for curbside leaf, brush, garden trimmings, and \$25-per-loader-bucket bulk pickup. These materials must be placed in separate piles, as outlined below. For information on how to dispose of specific items, view Recycle Coach on the Solid Waste page, download the Recycle Coach app available on the App Store and Google Play, or contact Public Works using the contact information at the bottom.

ACCEPTABLE

LEAVES

- Leaves only

GARDEN TRIMMINGS

- Flowers
- Plants
- Fruit trimmings
- Vegetable trimmings
- Pumpkins

BRUSH

- Trees
- Shrubs
- Bushes

BULK

- Furniture
- Items of waste generated by cleaning out a house (other than food waste)
- Basement, interior, and exterior remodeling debris (permit may be required)

UNACCEPTABLE

- Extreme demolitions (i.e., an entire garage or floor)
- Household garbage (i.e., food waste or food containers)
- Commercial or hazardous waste (i.e., paint, varnish, oils, chemicals, tires, or automobile batteries)
- Dirt, sod, or any other waste that includes dirt
- Other Waste, including appliances*, electronics, grass and thatch clippings, propane tanks, concrete*, rock*, shingles*, and brick*

**While these materials can be collected curbside or dropped off at the Citizen Convenience Center, they are not included in leaves, brush, trimmings, and bulk. Customers must call Public Works at 309-434-2225 for an estimate and to schedule a pickup for curbside pickup or an estimate will be provided at the Citizen Convenience Center when dropped off. The charge is the same for curbside and drop off. These materials must be cleaned so that they do not contain dirt.*

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