

**WINCHESTER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

**YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

When the yard waste curbit is delivered, the curbit and its care are your responsibility. Each yard waste curbit will be identified by a serial number, which will be recorded upon delivery. This curbit will be assigned to that address, but will remain the property of Winchester Municipal Utilities.

Please follow this list of Do's and Don'ts to insure maximum benefit from the system:

**DO** place yard waste curbit to the curb in front of your residence on collection day.

**THE YARD WASTE CURBIT MUST BE AT THE CURB BY 7AM ON COLLECTION DAY.**

**DO** break all limbs and twigs (2 inches in diameter and smaller) so they fit properly in the yard waste curbit. Larger quantities of limbs will be collected by the boom truck. Please call 744-1170 to schedule next day pickup (boom truck only.)

**DON'T** leave yard waste curbit on the street over night after it has been emptied. Failure to remove yard waste curbit from the street is a violation of city ordinance (Article IV - Sec 14-70) and could result in a fine.

**DON'T** mix garbage and yard waste together in your yard waste curbit. Place only yard waste in the green yard waste curbit or it will not be picked up.

**DON'T** over fill yard waste curbit. Be sure lid can be easily closed. If the yard waste curbit will not roll freely then it is too full.

**REMEMBER: IF THE YARD WASTE CURBIT IS TOO HEAVY FOR YOU TO MOVE, THEN IT'S TOO HEAVY FOR YOUR COLLECTOR.**

**DON'T** place grass clippings in bags inside your yard waste curbit. This is an extra expense to you as a customer plus it is very time consuming to the crew picking up your yard waste. Your curbit is for loose grass only.

**General Curbit Maintenance:**

Like any receptacle your yard waste curbit will need cleaning periodically. Warm soapy water with bleach is best to use.

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- Yard waste is defined as bagged grass clippings, bagged leaves, shrubs, branches, limbs, and trees.
- Yard waste collected by WMU recycling trucks is limited to grass clippings, leaves, small shrubs, and branches less than two (2) inches in diameter and four (4) feet in length.
- Bagged leaves and grass clippings shall not exceed 60 pounds.
- No dirt, sod, rocks or gravel may be placed out as yard waste.
- Solid waste (residential garbage and trash) must be kept separate from the yard waste. Co-mingled waste will not be collected by the yard waste crew.
- Yard waste which includes branches or portions of trees greater than two (2) inches in diameter requires removal by mechanical means (boom trucks).
- Residential customers may receive one pick up per month by mechanical means (boom trucks).
- Residential yard waste collection routes will run weekdays, except holidays, from the first of April through the end of November. There will be no make up for holidays.
- Yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am on the day of pick up and be readily accessible.
- Yard waste must be clear of any and all obstructions including but not limited to vehicles, utility poles/wires, and fences.
- Residential customers must call WMU at 744-1170 to schedule pick up by mechanical means (boom truck). A minimum 24-hour notice is required for all boom truck pick ups.
- Regular solid waste collection routes are unaffected by the yard waste collection program. Continue to place the solid waste curbit at the street according to the current established collection schedule.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 744-1170.**