

New Branch Chipping Program

The Branch Chipping Program was started to assist residents in yard cleanup of fallen branches and trimmings. This program is for residential use only and is not intended for the use of contractors to remove entire trees from your property.

In order to guarantee the **safety** and **efficiency** of our staff, we ask residents to make sure their brush, tree trimmings, and other related debris is done by following these guidelines:

- Limbs should be placed with the cut ends towards the road, no more than 2 feet high and 3 feet wide per pile. Piles must be able to be picked up by 1 person. To accommodate all of our residents we ask that the quantity of the debris not require more than 15 minutes to collect. Any debris pile which exceeds 15 minutes to collect will be left for the resident to dispose of.
- Limbs should be no larger than 6" in diameter, anything larger will have to be disposed of by the resident or landscaper.
- Smaller material shorter than 2 feet in length should be placed in paper yard bags and scheduled for a Friday Special Pick-up.
- **No foreign material** i.e. rope, metal, wood post, construction wood, split rail fence, railroad ties or any material that could contain nails or metal. This could damage our chipper or injure our employees. Stumps and root balls are not acceptable items.
- Branches need to be placed curbside the weekend prior to your scheduled pick up week. Please do not place branches out any earlier. If you place branches out after 7:00am the Monday of your chipping week, they will not be picked up. This is too late and the debris must be removed by the resident or landscaper .
- DO NOT mix leaves or yard material with branches.
- DO NOT mix thorny branches, with regular branches due to safety concerns.
- DO NOT make large piles or place limbs in different directions in the piles.

Branches will be picked up and chipped according to this schedule:

If your trash day is Monday chipping will be the 1st full week of the month.

If your trash day is Tuesday chipping will be the 2nd full week of the month.

If your trash day is Wednesday chipping will be the 3rd full week of the month.

If your trash day is Thursday chipping will be the 4th full week of the month.

"Full week" means that Monday and Friday fall within the same week

Chipping Service Will Only Be During The Months Of:

MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER

Holidays will not change the chipping schedule

***** Adherence to the Chipping Regulations is mandatory. Non-compliance may result in the Service Department leaving your material with a notice of what corrections need to be made. *****

When will the Service Department be chipping throughout the City?

The Service Department will chip large branches, curbside during the months of **May, July, September and November only**. Holidays will not change the chipping schedule. Branches still need to be put out on time.

When is my chipping week?

Your chipping week will be based on when your rubbish day is. For example: If your rubbish day is on Monday, your chipping week will be the 1st full week of the month. If your rubbish day is on Tuesday, your chipping week will be the 2nd full week of the month and so on.

Please see the calendar for **May 2014** below for an example of the 1st month we will be collecting.

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- CHIPPING WEEK FOR **MONDAY** RUBBISH ROUTE

- CHIPPING WEEK FOR **TUESDAY** RUBBISH ROUTE

- CHIPPING WEEK FOR **WEDNESDAY** RUBBISH ROUTE

- CHIPPING WEEK FOR **THURSDAY** RUBBISH ROUTE

What does “full week” mean?

Full week means when Monday and Friday fall within the same week.

When do my branches need to be out?

Branches need to be placed curbside **the weekend prior to your chipping week**. Please do not place branches out any earlier. If you place branches out after 7:00am the Monday of your chipping week, they will not be picked up. This is considered too late and you will have to wait until your next scheduled week.

How should I put out my branches?

Branches should be placed with the cut end towards the road, no more than 2 feet high and 3 feet wide per pile. Do not make large piles with branches facing in different directions.



NO



YES

What items cannot be chipped?

The Service Department will not take branches larger than 6" in diameter, stumps, rope, metal, wood posts, construction wood, split rail fence, railroad ties, root balls or any material that may contain nails or metal.

Why the diameter limit?

Branches larger than 6" in diameter are too large for one employee to handle. Any branches larger than 6" need to be taken care of by the resident or landscaper. Smaller material shorter than 2' in length should be put in yard bags and scheduled for a Special Pick-up.

How much is “too much” to put out?

Piles must be able to be picked up by 1 person. To accommodate all of our residents we ask that the quantity of debris not require more than 15 minutes to collect. Any debris pile that exceeds 15 minutes will be left for the resident to dispose of.