



Yard Waste Collection Program

Overview. The City of Oberlin provides residential curbside yard waste collection service resulting from routine lawn maintenance, landscaping and gardening on the property. The City reserves the right to refuse to collect yard waste from commercial operators and/or yard waste that does not comply with program guidelines. Yard waste is delivered to our Class IV composting facility where it may be shredded and mixed with leaves from fall leaf collection service. Organic materials are composted in windrows, turned occasionally. Composted material is made available to Oberlin residents for beneficial re-use on lawns, landscapes and gardens.

Schedule. General Maintenance Division crew(s) will provide yard waste collection service during the growing season, approximately mid-March to late-November. The service schedule will be announced annually at the beginning of the year. Yard waste collection services will take place weekly on Mondays only. Yard waste collection service will not be provided on Monday holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc). Beginning with the 2025 growing season:

Pre-scheduling Yard Waste Collection Service Is No Longer Required

Crew(s) will go street-by-street to pick up properly bagged and prepared yard waste for Oberlin residents. Crew(s) will note number of bags at each participating address. A master list by address and by week through the season will be maintained by the Public Works Department. The Public Works and Finance Departments will work together to send an annual bill to each participant for services rendered. The cost remains \$1/bag. Tags are not required.

The Public Works Department reserves the right to cancel, suspend or postpone yard waste collection service based on operational needs.

Guidelines.

1. Yard waste is considered to be vegetative material from yards, landscapes and gardens including grass clippings, weeds, leaves, small twigs and similar vegetative material.
2. Yard waste does not include stumps, trees, branches or other woody materials or, invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, vines such as grape vine or trumpet vine, rose bushes, vegetative or leafy materials, etc.
3. Yard waste shall be free of plastic, paper, wire, rope or twine, etc. Yard waste must not contain invasive or noxious species such as Japanese knotweed, poison hemlock or black walnuts that contaminate our compost. **Contaminated materials will not be collected.**



4. Yard waste must be placed in compostable paper bags meeting the following specifications:
 - a. Labeled 'compostable', 'biodegradable' or equivalent
 - b. Heavy-duty 2-ply wet strength paper
 - c. Puncture and tear resistant
 - d. Maximum 30 gallon capacity
 - e. Self-standing
5. Yard waste must be contained within the bag. Full bags shall not exceed 30 pounds. **Overweight bags may not be collected.**
6. Yard waste bags shall be stacked upright at curbside prior to 7 a.m. for Monday collection services. Bags that are not out when the collection crew has gone down the street will not be collected until the next scheduled yard waste collection day.
7. Participants should make reasonable efforts to keep yard waste bags dry prior to collection.
8. Yard waste resulting from major landscape renovation projects is the responsibility of the property owner. The City reserves the right not to collect excessive amounts of yard waste.
9. See also 'Brush Collection Guidelines' for more information on seasonal disposal options for branches, limbs and other woody materials.

Reference.

C.O. 925.05(c) The City will collect bagged yard waste weekly on a fee-for-service basis. Collection...will be available from approximately March to November excluding holidays. Yard waste shall be placed in compostable bags not exceeding thirty gallons capacity and shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 12:00 noon of the day preceding the collection. (Ord. 20-37AC CMS. Passed 9-21-20.)

We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines. Recovery of these organic materials helps to reduce methane production in the landfill, keeps excess nutrients out of the watershed, reducing the potential for algae growth and ensuring higher quality aquatic habitat.

Please call (440) 775-7218 for more information.