

# CITY OF HART YARD WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS

## OBJECTIVE:

It is the intent of this information to acquaint residents with the newly adopted changes to the existing Garbage Collection and Disposal Ordinance (Title Six, Chapter 1060) in regard to yard waste disposal. These changes define what constitutes yard waste and brush and the proper procedure for its disposal.

These changes were adopted at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 and went into effect August 18, 2005.

## ORDINANCE 05-07

### DEFINITIONS

**Yard Waste** – shall be defined as organic waste material generated from yards in the City and may include grass and shrub clippings, leaves, weeds, flowers, garden waste, and house plants.

**Brush** – shall be defined as tree and shrub waste generated from yards in the City consisting of limbs 6 inches in diameter or less and 4 feet in length or more.

### YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Yard waste and brush disposal guidelines are as follows:

- a) Starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of October until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in November, leaves may be placed at curbside or roadside in long narrow rows for pickup and disposal by the City. Do not put leaves out until instructed to do so by the City.
- b) Brush shall be picked up once a month starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April through the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November. Brush should be placed at curbside or roadside no sooner than the Friday *before* the Monday pickup. In the event that brush needs to be disposed of before or after the scheduled pickup day, it can be taken to the bins at the DPW barn or stored on private property, not in City right-of-way, until the next regular pickup day.
- c) Bagged yard waste will be picked up every Monday beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April until the last Monday in November. All yard waste must be put in *recyclable paper bags* and set at the curb or roadside no sooner than the Friday *before* the Monday pickup day. Putting loose yard waste at the curbside is prohibited. In the event that yard waste needs to be removed before or after the scheduled pickup day, it may be taken to the bins located at the DPW barn or stored on the property, not in City right-of-way, until the next regularly scheduled pickup day. Disposable recyclable bags made for yard waste are clearly identified with “Yard Waste Only” written on them and are available for purchase at local area businesses.
- d) It shall be unlawful to place grass clippings in the street or road using mechanical means such as, but not limited to, a mowing or blowing device.

### OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

- 1) Leaves and grass clippings are to be separate from the brush.

- 2) Large brush and branches are chipped up by City crews and should be piled at the curb.
- 3) No plastic bags or residential garbage is to be placed in the bins at the DPW barn. The plastic clogs up the composting machine.
- 4) Wood chips and compost are available at the DPW barn on State Street free of charge for as long as supplies last.

**This ordinance is intended to accomplish the following:**

- 1) Define yard waste as organic waste material generated from yards in the City which may include grass and shrub clippings, leaves, weeds, flowers, garden and house plants.
- 2) Define brush as tree and shrub waste generated from the yards in the city consisting of limbs 6 inches in diameter or less and 4 feet in length or more.
- 3) Establish rules for pickup of leaves, brush and yard waste.
- 4) Allow the delivery of leaves, yard waste and brush to a designated city facility.
- 5) Prohibit the placement of grass clippings in the street or road using a mower or blower.
- 6) Establish season for pickup of leaves, brush and yard waste as follows:

*Leaves:* 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. Place leaves at curbside or roadside in long narrow rows accessible to City equipment as directed by the City.

*Brush:* 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April to the last Monday of November. Place at curbside or roadside no sooner than the Friday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.

*Yard Waste:* 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April to the last Monday of November. Place at curbside or roadside no sooner than Friday for Monday pickup using ONLY recyclable bags.

**PENALTIES**

Any violation of Chapter 1060 shall be a civil infraction subject to the penalties as contained in Section 202.99.