

ALL ABOUT YARD WASTE

BRANCHES, SMALL TWIGS, GRASS AND TREE LEAVES

Public Works - 836-6971 or 836-6970

YARD WASTE

Yard Waste is grass clippings, garden clippings, plants, and flowers. All the yard waste can be put either into the Homewood Disposal Service green cart with green lid, or in paper bags. Homewood Disposal Service would like you to fill the cart first before putting bags outside the cart. TREE LEAVES are not yard waste. **Tree Leaves cannot be put into the trash or bagged in paper bags for Homewood Disposal Service, they will not pick up tree leaves because it is illegal to put them in a landfill in Indiana.**

SMALL TWIGS

Small twigs can be put into the green garbage cart with green lid or into paper bags and put next to trash cart.

BRANCHES

If you have a contractor cut down branches or a tree, the contractor is responsible to remove any debris. Public Works does not pick up after contractors. The homeowner can cut down branches, put them to the curb and Public Works will pick them up. The woodchipper is out April to November and they will get to you. It takes about 2 weeks to get through the entire town picking up branches. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO CALL IN TO REPORT BRANCH PICK UP.** A pile larger than a small car is a charge pile.

BUSHES

If you cut bushes from your property, you can put the bushes to the curb, and they will be picked up by the woodchipper. If you pull out the entire bush and it has a root ball, you will need to cut off the root ball. The woodchipper will pick up the bushes, but you will need to call Public Works to pick up the root ball 219-836-6971 or 219-836-6970. The woodchipper cannot pick up the root ball.

LEAVES

The Town of Munster has tree leaf collection in the fall. The information for pick up will be published in the News You Can Use newsletter. Tree Leaves will be picked up between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Street Division crews will begin each day where they left off the previous day. **PICK UP WILL BE ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS.** Tree Leaves in bags will not be picked up by the Town or Homewood Disposal

Service. According to State Law, tree leaves cannot be put into a Landfill.

Since collection begins each morning promptly at 7:00 A.M., please have your tree leaves ready for collection prior to that time. Because of the large area which must be covered each day, we will not be able to go back into an area which has already been collected. The Town will be picked-up once every two weeks, weather permitting. Here are a few tips which will help us do a much quicker and better job:

1. Please place your leaves in a continuous long pile called a "WIND ROW". We will be using a leaf vacuum to collect your leaves.
2. If your street has curbs, please place your leaves right behind the curb on the grass parkway.
3. Please do not place leaves in the street. If it rains, these leaves could cover the street drains and cause unnecessary flooding.
4. If your street does not have curbs, please place your leaves on the edge of the street pavement. Please refrain from parking on the streets adjacent to the piles of leaves between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Please do not place sticks, bricks, stones, or other materials in piles of leaves. High velocity equipment is used during our removal efforts and these items can do damage to the equipment or more importantly, may injure an employee or bystander.

EXCESSIVE PILES OF BRANCHES

If you have an excessive pile of branches, it could be a charge pile. A pile the size of a small car or larger is a charge pile. The minimum amount for a charge pile is \$130. If it is determined you have a charge pile, a letter will be left on your door with the amount to pick up the branches. You will need to pay before the pile will be scheduled to be picked up.