

Important Reminder

Toronto residents: Want to put your leaf and yard waste out for collection?

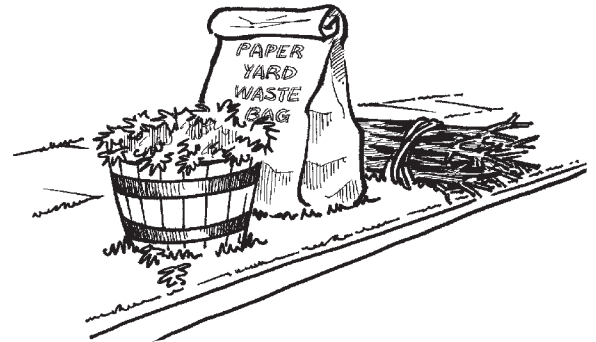
We'll collect such garden waste as: leaves, plant/tree trimmings, weeds, brush and bundles of branches - each branch must be a maximum diameter of 7.5 cm (3"). Bundles must be a maximum diameter of .6 m (2') and less than 1.2 m (4') in length to ensure they fit in collection vehicles.

We'll even take your pumpkins and waste fruit from trees in your yard!

Sorry, we can't accept: kitchen waste (e.g. Fruit/vegetables), soil, sod, grass clippings, logs or tree stumps.

Here's how to put it out for collection:

- Reusable containers - no lids (any rigid open-top container like an extra garbage can or bushel basket);
- Kraft paper yard waste bags; or
- Bundles of branches (see measurements noted above)



Sorry, no plastic bags: the City does not collect leaves and yard waste in clear plastic bags or decorative bags (e.g. Halloween theme plastic bags). If you use these decorative bags, please empty the contents into one of the approved containers listed above and put them out for pick-up.

Ways to reduce the amount of leaves you put at the curb for yard waste collection:

- Feed leaves to your backyard composter in the fall; stockpile leaves to add as dry material during the winter (backyard bins supplied by the City can cost as little as \$15 and they're easy to use.)
- Grassecycle in the spring: leave your clippings on the lawn, compost them or use them as mulch around trees or shrubs (the City does not collect grass clippings).
- Dig leaves directly into your garden to add organic matter and nutrients to the soil or use leaves as mulch to protect plants after the ground freezes
- Shred leaves with your lawn mower and leave them on the lawn as mulch or put them in a bin and use a 'weed whacker' to shred them and store to use later (to make leaf mould, add a shovel-full of soil and enough water to keep damp and stir weekly - use as a top dressing on your lawn/garden next spring)



Check your local collection calendar for your leaf and yard waste collection schedule

Yard waste is collected bi-weekly from mid-March to mid-December.