



YARD WASTE

If you have a yard, you know that it takes considerable effort to keep it maintained. The grass needs cutting, bushes and trees need trimming, and sidewalks need to be swept. Along with all of that, your curbs and gutters have to be cleaned. It's a lot of work. But the work doesn't stop there. Once all the cutting, trimming, sweeping, and cleaning is done, what do you do with your yard waste?

Where can I leave my yard waste?

You can place brush and limbs by the curb (be sure to keep the waste out of the street and off the sidewalks). City of Lockhart staff will collect the brush/limbs and you will receive a service bill included with your utility statement.

I don't want to damage my lawn. Why can't I put my yard waste on the street?

Chapter 48, Solid Waste, Section 48:48 of the City of Lockhart Code of Ordinances prohibits leaving yard waste in the street and drainage ditches, pipes, and stormwater inlets.

In addition to being against City Ordinance, yard waste in the street can be a traffic hazard and/or block stormwater flow resulting in localized flooding.



What do I do with my grass clippings?

The very best thing to do with your grass clippings is to compost them or leave them on your lawn. As the grass decomposes, it returns nutrients to your lawn. As a result, your yard may need less or no fertilizer. Grass clippings and leaves are truly a valuable natural resource.

Do not blow or sweep the clippings into the street, gutters or into a storm drain (which is a violation of City Ordinance).



Be friendly to the environment

Yard waste left in the street, sidewalk, or driveway, or dumped, blown, or swept into the storm drain will eventually wash into nearby creeks, streams, rivers, and lakes during a storm or by water runoff from watering your lawn. Yard waste in a local waterway depletes the oxygen level in the water, which is harmful to aquatic life. Improperly applied chemical fertilizers, as well as organic amendments, used on the lawn also wash down the storm drain and negatively impact aquatic life, so by doing your part and leaving yard waste as a natural fertilizer, you can help reduce stormwater pollution.

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