

**City of Harper Woods**  
**Department of Public Works**  
**313.343.2570**

**Yard Waste & Grass Clippings - Proper Disposal**

Yard Waste and Grass Clippings are only collected on your rubbish collection day between April 1 and October 31, as mandated by State Law. When preparing Yard Waste for pick-up please follow these guidelines:

- Yard waste must be placed in a rigid container with accessible handles or in biodegradable paper bags designed specifically for yard waste disposal (all hardware stores carry the bags).
- Containers are not to exceed 32 gallons and residents must clearly label containers "*Yard Waste*." Green "*Yard Waste*" stickers are available at City Hall.
- Containers and biodegradable paper bags must be placed curbside on regularly scheduled refuse collection days prior to 7:00 a.m., and no more than 12 hours in advance of your collection time.
- Containers must not exceed 40 pounds in weight. As a rule of thumb, if you cannot lift it higher than 1-2 feet off of the ground it is too heavy.
- **Do not** dispose of grass clippings and/or yard waste in plastic bags or mixed with your standard refuse. Yard waste which is improperly disposed of will not be collected and will constitute a violation of the city ordinance.
- The City encourages the use of mulching lawn mowers, frequent grass cutting and/or composting of yard waste materials

## **Tree Branch Disposal**

The city collects properly bundled tree branches. When preparing Tree Branches for pick-up please follow these guidelines:

- All tree branches must be bundled and must not exceed 4 feet in length and 40 pounds in weight.
- Individual branches must not exceed 2 inches in diameter.

## **Fall Leaf Pick-Up**

During the fall months, the Department of Public Works collects leaves on your regularly scheduled garbage/trash pick-up day. Generally, leaf pick-up is done from approximately mid-to-late October through the end of November. Circumstances will determine the pick-up schedule. Check the announcement tab on the City's web site ([www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org)) in October for the pick-up schedule. Please follow these guidelines for leaf pick-up:

- Do not rake leaves into the street any sooner than the night before your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. Try to keep the leaves close to the curb.
- Only place leaves in the street. Branches and other items can damage our equipment.
- If it is going to rain, try to wait as long as possible before placing leaves in the street, as leaves block the drainage and can cause street flooding and driving hazards.

## **High Grass & Weeds - Property Maintenance**

Section 16-42 of the Code of Ordinances provides property maintenance standards for maintaining and controlling the growth of grass and other vegetation.

To report a violation of this ordinance, please call, with the property address of the violation, 313.343.2570 or send an e-mail to [hwclerk@comcast.net](mailto:hwclerk@comcast.net).

Residents who fail to comply with the ordinance will be issued a written notice,

and have forty-eight (48) hours to cut or remove such weeds, grass or other vegetation. If the situation is not addressed after forty-eight (48) hours, the Department of Public Works will have a contractor perform the necessary work **and bill the homeowner for the contractor's cost plus any administrative fee.**

The cost of work performed will be assessed and collected in the same manner outlined in the City's Charter for collection of taxes