

BRUSH PICK UP REGULATIONS

The City of Parchment will provide monthly brush pick up for residential properties from April through October on the first Monday of each month. The City does not pick up tree removal wastes or yard waste. Yard waste may be disposed of by renting a yard waste container. Yard waste is collected weekly from April through November.

DEFINITIONS:

Brush: Includes limbs, branches and trimmings from trees that are no longer than eight (8) feet with a maximum diameter of 6 inches removed from trees on the property in the course of normal yard maintenance. Brush must be able to be passed through a chipper.

Yard Waste: Includes grass clippings, trimmings from bushes, ornamental grass, shrubs and hedges, leaves, weeds from the garden, flowers, vines, leafy plants and other vegetation, dead, alive or dormant. Unless you compost, the only known way to dispose of these items is the purchase of a seasonal yard waste cart from City Hall or personally taking your items to the Republic Transfer Station for a fee.

Unacceptable Yard Waste Materials: Plastic bags, flats and pots, dirt, rocks, stones, bricks, concrete, asphalt and any other material that cannot be composted.

Tree Removal Wastes: Includes all body wood larger than six (6) inches, stumps, chips and other debris generated from the removal of a tree.

BRUSH PICK UP REGULATIONS:

1. All brush to be picked up must be no longer than eight (8) feet in length. The maximum diameter is six (6) inches. The branch must be able to be handled by one person.
2. All brush must be neatly stacked (not intertwined) **in the street** except for residences on Riverview and G Avenue with the cut ends pointing in the same direction.
3. Limbs with vines attached will not be taken. All vines should be removed prior to placing in the street.
4. **Brush may not be placed out more than seven days before the scheduled pick up date. Brush not placed in the street by 7 AM on the pickup date will not be picked up. Brush may NOT be comingled with leaves, but placed in separate piles.**
5. The City does not pick up yard waste.

The City's annual leaf pickup program will tentatively kickoff in October and will follow a schedule of specific pickup days (see sign at City Hall or City Calendar at www.parchment.org). Property owners should not place leaves in the street more than three days prior to these pickup dates. Leaves must be out by 7:00 AM on pick up day. The schedule is weather dependent as snow or heavy rains may delay pickups. One-time spring leaf pickup will occur in April.

NON-COMPLIANCE: Items placed for pick up that do not comply with the above regulations will not be removed. The property owner will be responsible for disposing of that material in a lawful manner. Penalty for non-compliance with the brush ordinance range from a first offense fine of \$50.00 to a fourth offense fine of \$500.00. Brush and leaves may NOT be comingled, but placed in separate piles. It is illegal to dispose of yard waste in a landfill or commingle trash and yard waste. Trash is the only items to be placed in plastic bags for removal. Yard waste and brush will not be accepted in plastic bags.