

Yard Waste and Brush Policy 2020-04

Adopted by Evert city Council on June 1st, 2020

Yard waste collection is provided seasonally from April through the end of October each year, with leaf collection weekly and brush pick up monthly. There is no fee for collection during these months.

There are two city-wide brush and leaf pick up events in the fall and in the spring. *Please note, all dates are subject to change.*

Spring Brush and Leaf Pick Up Event

The spring brush and leaf pick up event is scheduled for the third week in April. The next scheduled spring event will be held from April 19 to April 23, 2021.

Fall Brush and Leaf Pick Up Even

The fall brush and leaf pick up event is scheduled for the third week in October. The next scheduled fall event will be held from October 26 to October 30, 2020.

What is "yard waste"?

Yard waste includes plant material such as leaves, grass clippings, small twigs, prunings, shrub clippings, branches, brush, flowers, roots, and other material commonly thrown away in the course of maintaining yards and gardens from city residences.

Leaf and Grass Clippings Collection Guidelines:

Leaves and grass clippings must be placed in biodegradable yard waste bags. [Not sure where to find biodegradable yard waste bags? Click here for more info!](#)

- Loose-leaf piles will only be picked up during the twice-yearly city-wide Brush and Leaf pick up events
- Bags **cannot** weigh more than 40 pounds when filled.
- City crews will **not** collect yard waste material placed into plastic bags, cardboard boxes, grocery bags, or other unapproved containers.
- Leaf collection will occur every week on Monday morning starting after the completion of the spring brush and leaf event.



NOTE: *The City of Evert is not responsible for personal containers and lids that are lost or damaged*

Loose Brush Collection Guidelines:

- Stack brush neatly between the curb and sidewalk with the cut ends facing towards the street
- Branches should be no larger than 5" in diameter
- Brush piles should be no larger than 4' wide, 8' long and 4' high
- Stumps will not be collected; you may obtain a permit to dispose of stumps at the Forest Hill Cemetery location by calling City Hall at [\(231\) 734-2181](tel:2317342181)
- Keep brush piles away from obstacles such as fire hydrants and utility poles and maintain a safe line of sight distance for pedestrians and vehicular traffic
- Remove any rootballs; these may be bagged with leaves for collection
- The collection of large amounts of brush resulting from tree removal requires the use of a tree removal service or landscape service
- Loose brush collection will occur monthly; residents should place their brush to the curb for collection the last week of the month and the City will pick up the brush during the first week of the proceeding month



NOTE: *The City of Evert is not responsible for the removal of brush produced by contractors*

Brush Collection Appointments

During the months between November and April brush collection can be scheduled by appointment. Brush must be set out no more than 48 hours prior to the scheduled appointment day.

Additional Brush Collection Guidelines

- Any brush generated from the removal of a tree or substantial portion of a tree, either by a resident or a hired tree service will not be chipped or removed by the city; to obtain a permit to dispose of brush and waste to Forest Hill Cemetery, please call City Hall at [\(231\) 734-2181](tel:2317342181)
- Any brush placed out for collection that is outside the scope of the above guidelines shall be deemed a nuisance and handled accordingly

- There is a limit of one truckload per residence for brush collection. Additional pick up arrangements can be made by calling City Hall at [\(231\) 734-2181](tel:2317342181)

To schedule a brush pickup appointment or to obtain a permit for disposal at Forest Hill Cemetery please call City Hall at [\(231\)734-2181](tel:2317342181)

Please note, inclement weather may cause delays in pick up

Concrete, Sod, and Building Materials

Concrete, sod, and building materials **will not** be picked up curbside. However, the City does offer disposal for concrete and sod. Please call City Hall for more details at [\(231\) 734-2181](tel:2317342181)

Building materials, including dimensional lumber and construction materials, will not be picked up nor does the city provide disposal.

Local Transfer Stations

Contact a local transfer station or dump for further information on disposing of building and construction materials:

- [Richmond Township Transfer Station](#)
- [Hersey Township Transfer Station](#)

For further details, please contact City Hall at [\(231\) 734-2181](tel:2317342181)

Christmas Tree Collection

Each year, the City of Evert provides curbside collection for Christmas trees. The collection begins after the Christmas holiday



- Artificial trees will not be picked up
- Remove all the ornaments, tinsel, lights, tree stand, and other non-organic decorative materials
- Do not place the tree inside any type of bag
- Wreaths on wire hangers will not be picked up

For specific questions on the leaf, brush, and Christmas tree collection, please call City Hall at [\(231\) 734-2181](tel:2317342181)