# Yard Waste, Brush and Leaf Collection

Fact Sheet

## Observed Holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving and the Friday after
- Christmas Day

## Leaf Collection

Leaf vacuums will operate from October through December (weather permitting). After December 31st, leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags for collection as a part of the bagged yard waste collection service. Below are guidelines for leaf collection preparation:

- Rake leaves to the edge of the roadway or curb before 6:00 am Monday morning to ensure pickup each week.
- Do not place leaves in the roadway. Piles should be located along the edge of the road or in the area between the curb and the sidewalk.
- Do not pile leaves around parked vehicles, fire hydrants, or storm drains.
- Keep children away from leaf piles that are ready for collection.

The City offers residential bagged yard waste, brush and leaf collection to City residents as part of the City refuse collection service. Bagged yard waste and brush should be placed at the curb by 6:00 am on the regularly scheduled refuse pickup day. Please make note of the holiday schedule and guidelines for disposal as listed below. Contact the City at **publicservice@marysvilleohio.org** or (937)645-7350, option #2 with any questions or issues regarding this service.

## Bagged Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste, such as grass clippings, weeds, leaves, straw, corn stalks, plants, mulch, hedge trimmings, vines, and roots are collected year round. This waste must be placed in biodegradable paper in order to be collected. Below are guidelines for the City's bagged yard waste collection service:

- Bags should be placed at the edge of the roadway or in the area between the curb and the sidewalk. Do not set yard waste bags in the street, alleys or on sidewalks.
- Bags that weigh over 50 lbs will not be collected.
- Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags. Placing yard waste in containers or garbage cans is not acceptable.
- Do not put animal waste in with yard waste. Animal waste should be disposed of in the refuse container.
- Residents are required to separate yard waste from other refuse, garbage and recyclable materials. Items with nails, wire, rocks and plastic cannot be mixed with yard waste. Bags which have garbage mixed with yard waste will not be collected.
- Railroad ties and treated landscape timbers are not acceptable.
- Dirt, sod, rocks and broken concrete are not acceptable.
- The City encourages residents to not bag grass clippings. Through a regular yard care routine, grass clippings can be left on the lawn, allowing them to work their way back into the soil.

## Brush Collection

Brush, including tree limbs and shrub clippings, is collected January through September. Below are guidelines for brush collection preparation:

- Brush items should be placed at the edge of the roadway or in the area between the curb and the sidewalk. Do not set brush items in the street, alleys or on sidewalks.
- Brush must be free of nails, rocks, garbage, vines, and wire.
- There is no maximum length for tree limbs. Tree limbs shorter than 4' in length should be bundled with string or tape; no wire. The maximum diameter of bundles/branches is 12".
- The maximum amount of brush items collected each week will be limited to one truck load per billing address.
- Live Christmas trees are collected on your regular trash day when placed at the curb by 6:00 am. All decorations, bulbs and tree stands must be removed before the tree is placed at the curb. Trees should not be wrapped or placed in bags.