

Yard Trimmings Collection Tips – Do’s and Don’ts

DO

- Place your grass clippings and leaves in paper lawn bags. Items picked up by our yard trimmings crew go directly to our compost program.
- Stack your tree trimmings in manageable piles for manual collection. Piles should not exceed 6 feet in length, 4 feet in length and 4 feet in height.
- Place your yard trimmings at your collection point.

DON'T

- Place your grass clippings and leaves in plastic bags. Plastic is not biodegradable and cannot be placed into our compost program. Do NOT tape your paper lawn bags closed.
- Stack your tree trimmings in one large, unmanageable pile. Smaller branch pieces should be in separate piles from larger branches/trunk pieces.
- Place your yard trimmings at the front curb if we service your carts in the alley. There may be an additional cost to collect the material if placed in the wrong location.

What does “collection point” mean?

“Collection point” refers to the location where we service your trash and recycling carts – either street curb or alley. If your carts are serviced in the alley, then this is where your yard trimmings should be placed. If you are alley collection and you place your yard trimmings at the front curb, there may be an additional charge to collect the material.

What is a “manageable pile?”

A “manageable pile” is one where branches are stacked neatly and in the same direction. Piles should not exceed 6 feet in length, 4 feet in width and 4 feet in height. Larger trunk pieces and/or stumps should be in a separate pile from the smaller branches (see pictures below). The yard trimmings collection crew should be able to manually pick up the pile without any trouble.

Contractor Lawn Crews

If you have landscape work completed by a contractor, they must follow the Do's and Don'ts noted above. **Additional charges for collections may be required if your contractor fails to follow these guidelines.**

DO-IT-YOURSELF Yard Trimming Disposal

Do-it-yourself residential yard trimmings disposal is available to all Plano residential Environmental Waste Services customers at the North Texas Municipal Water District Custer Transfer Station located at 9901 Custer Road (Ridgeview, south of 121) in Plano. **You must bring a recent City of Plano Utility Bill and matching driver's license in order to dispose of material.**

Manageable Brush Pile



Unmanageable Brush Pile

