

## Yard Waste Disposal

In Missouri, municipalities are prohibited from sending yard waste to landfills. Yard waste is defined as: Any garden residue, plant debris, grass, leaves, trees, or brush clippings.

**Leaves:** The City does not offer curbside leaf vacuuming. There are several private companies that provide this service, and some advertise in the Webster-Kirkwood Times. The City does offer yard waste collection. Leaves can be raked and bagged for pick-up. See below for details. Please Note: It is against City ordinances to rake leaves into the street. Home owners who do this may be given a citation by the City's Code Enforcement Officer.

**Yard Waste Bags:** Yard waste, as defined above, and limbs or brush smaller than six inches in diameter and two feet in length, may be disposed of in City of Kirkwood 30-gallon paper yard waste bags. Bags are available at City Hall at a cost of five bags for \$10.50, or \$2.10 per bag (tax included) and [from several Kirkwood retailers](#). The cost of the City bag includes collection and disposal. Bags are limited to 50 pounds, but an unlimited number of bags may be placed at the curb for removal.

**Alternatively:** Residents can purchase 30-gallon, generic paper yard waste bags, along with City Yard Waste Stickers, at a cost of \$1.75 per sticker. Affix the sticker to the bag and place for collection. The stickers are sold at City Hall and at Ace Hardware in Des Peres. Bags are still limited to 50 pounds.

**Bundled Limbs:** Bundled limbs and prunings tied with natural fiber twine, with an attached Kirkwood Yard Waste Sticker, can also be placed for collection as yard waste. The bundles may be no longer than three feet or larger than 18 inches in diameter. Individual limbs or prunings within the bundle may not exceed two inches in diameter.

**Placement on Day of Collection:** Bags and bundled limbs should be placed within three feet of the curb, with the City sticker facing the street, by 6:00 a.m. on the same day that your trash and recycling are collected. On a week with a holiday when regular trash and recycling collection is moved back by one day, yard waste collection will also be moved back by one day.

**Home Composting:** This is a natural and inexpensive way to dispose of yard waste. For information about this process, [please visit this page on the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Website](#).

**Christmas Tree Pick-Up:** Christmas trees, with all decorations removed, will be picked up at no additional cost with the regular yard waste pick-up in January of each year.

Leaf Disposal: Residents can bag their leaves and place them for yard waste collection, but the Public Works Department also encourages residents to consider using backyard composting to dispose of leaves. A mulching mower used on leaves greatly reduces leaf volume and may eliminate raking. Mulched leaves are also a great natural lawn fertilizer and can be composted in a smaller area or placed in fewer yard waste bags.

### **Where Can I purchase Yard Waste Bags?**

Prices may vary. Locations are subject to change.

- Global Foods Market, 421 N. Kirkwood Rd.
- Shop 'N Save, 10561 Manchester Rd.
- Schnucks, 10233 Manchester Road (Kirkwood)
- Schnucks, 12332 Manchester road (Des Peres)
- OK Hatchery, 115 E. Argonne Ave.
- Ace Hardware, 11767 Manchester Road, Des Peres
- Kirkwood Hardware Co., 139 W. Jefferson Ave.
- Walgreens, 441 N. Kirkwood Rd.
- 7-11 Store, 639 West Woodbine
- Dierbergs: The Market at Des Peres, Manchester & Lindemann Roads, On Manchester, one mile east of I-270
- Dierbergs: Warson Woods, 9901 Manchester at Berry Road
- Kirkwood Deli, 500 W. Essex

Yard waste stickers for use on non-Kirkwood yard waste bags may also be purchased at City Hall, the Kirkwood Community Center, Ace Hardware in Des Peres, and at the Lowe's Store at 1212 S. Kirkwood Road.