

# Yard Waste

**EPA MANDATES - Beginning April 1, 2024, yard waste materials in plastic bags at the curb will no longer be accepted. BIN IT \* BUNDLE IT \* DON'T BAG IT**



Beginning April 1, 2024, yard waste materials in plastic (or paper) bags at the curb will no longer be accepted.

Many neighboring communities have eliminated plastic bags from their yard waste collection processes and require residents to use reusable containers for curbside disposal. Eliminating plastic bags from the yard waste stream assists the City in keeping in line with EPA mandates.

## **Properly Prepare your Yard Waste for Collection**

Yard waste materials should be placed in City of Bradenton reusable containers (blue bins) or bundled for collection. Materials must be no more than 6 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter.

\*Yard waste bundles that have large bunches over 6 feet long and/or 6 inches in diameter require special collection. These kinds of collections are subject to a special collection charge of \$17.87 per cubic yard.

\*\*Yard waste that is bagged will be subject to fines based on cubic yard.

## **Acceptable yard waste materials:**

- Grass clippings
- Shrub trimmings
- Palm fronds
- Small tree limbs and branches

### Non-acceptable items:

- Paper or plastic bags
- Dirt/gravel
- Lumber
- Scrap metal(s)
- Pet waste or food waste

### Acceptable containment methods:

- City of Bradenton yard waste container
- 65-gallon maximum size reusable trash container
- Bundles tied with twine or string.

To request a second container, contact Solid Waste: 941-708-6340.

**Yard Waste Hauling** - Yard waste generated by any business that provides lawn maintenance, tree trimming, or tree removal must also be hauled away by the business providing the service.

## CITY OF BRADENTON NEW YARD WASTE REGULATIONS

Properly prepared yard waste will ensure it gets collected on time.

### NO PLASTIC BAGS STARTING APRIL 1, 2024

**EPA mandates** for Yard Waste Disposal in Bradenton - Starting April 1, 2024, Bradenton residents will be required to use only the City of Bradenton's reusable blue yard waste bins or bundle piles with twine when disposing of yard waste. Properly preparing yard waste will help the vendor process yard waste materials. Per EPA Mandates, eliminating plastic bags from the yard waste stream is a crucial step in achieving this goal.

### BIN IT, BUNDLE IT, DON'T BAG IT

Bundle materials must be no more than 6 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter.

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### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



### NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



### ACCEPTABLE CONTAINMENT METHODS



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