City of Van Alstyne

Yard Waste Preparation

In an effort to improve residential Yard Waste Collections, we are asking residents to assist in the preparation efforts to reduce collection costs and increase driver efficiency and safety. Our current service provider does not employ a Grapple Truck or "claw truck" to pick up large items any longer, therefore, Yard Waste Collection is all done by hand.

We encourage residents to take a moment longer to prepare yard waste for collection.

By observing the steps shown below you will help us reach our collection goals:

- 1. There are two (2) different methods of preparation and they are as follows Bundled brush or brush placed at the curb loosely.
- 2. Bundled limbs and brush must be securely tied into bundles of not more than five (5) feet in length, and four (4) inches in diameter and weighing no more than fifty (50) pounds.
- 3. Loosely placed brush must have the feeder branches removed from the main limb and stacked length wise at the curb for collection. Total amount of bundled or loose brushy material shall not exceed three (3) cubic yards (9X3X3).
- 4. Place brush piles curbside no earlier than noon the day before your collection and no later than 7:00AM of your collection day.
- 5. Position brush piles length wise at the curb, so that it is easy for the brush collection crews to wrap their arms around the brush pile for easy and fast collection.
- 6. Keep brush trimmings or piles at least three (3) feet from other objects such as vehicles and mail boxes.
- 7. Place brush trimmings or brush piles a few inches from the curb for easy maneuvering into the truck.
- 8. Logs and Limbs that are more than six (6) inches in diameter or over five (5) feet in length, will not be collected.
- 9. Yard Waste trimming or piles of yard waste produced from contracted jobs or Land Clearing will not be collected.
- 10. Improperly prepared yard waste, may incur a citation for violation of the solid waste agreement.

