

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Properly Preparing Your Yard Waste For Curbside Collection

Gainesville's status as a Tree City USA, coupled with Florida's unpredictable weather, often leads to significant yard waste for residents. Below are some important guidelines residents should follow to ensure the timely removal of yard waste materials set out for collection:

- **Large Branches:** Place branches curbside in manageable-sized piles. Branches must be no longer than 5 feet, no thicker than 8 inches in diameter, or weigh no more than 40 pounds per piece.



- **Leaves and Grass Clippings:** Collect leaves, grass clippings, and small twigs in brown paper lawn & leaf bags or personal reusable yard waste containers. Each bag or container must weigh no more than 40 pounds. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.



- **Litter Free:** Ensure all yard waste is free from garbage, litter, and non-regulated materials. Do not include lumber, boards, or other manufactured materials with your yard waste.

Questions? Contact the Solid Waste Division at 352-334-2330 or visit gainesvillefl.gov/Recycle.

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