



Spring Cleaning -Yard and Garden Tips

Waste Management offers tips on handling Yard Waste this spring season

Springtime is here and for many people in Okaloosa County, this often means preparing yards and gardens for bountiful spring growth. This year, prepare your yard waste in the appropriate manner to ensure it is properly collected curbside each week without any additional charges. Here are a few guidelines:

- **SEPARATE** - Separate yard waste from other types of waste (i.e. recycling, bulk, household garbage).
- **50 LB LIMIT** - Bag or containerize leaves, trimmings, grass clippings and other such materials, not to exceed fifty pounds.
- **STACK & SIZE** - Stack items that may not fit into a container or bag. Items may not be over 6 feet in length and may not be larger than 4 inches in diameter. These items may include palm fronds, small limbs.

Yard waste is vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance and does not include treated wood or any form of matter or debris resulting from tree removal, land clearing, land development, building demolition, home improvement, or waste generated by tree surgeons. Additionally, yard waste does not include debris generated by landscapers or lawn maintenance services when removed from the origination site and placed on another property.

Yard trash should be able to be collected in a traditional rear loading trash collection truck used for residential waste collection. This waste is loaded into trucks by hand with the use of hand tools. These services are provided weekly throughout unincorporated Okaloosa County and in many of the municipalities.