



Village of Skokie

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Yard Waste Collection Program

The Village of Skokie yard waste collection program resumes once per week on Wednesdays from April 14, 2010 until October 13, 2010. Grass clippings will not be collected. To schedule a brush and yard waste collection please contact the automated phone request system at 847/933-3333 by noon on Monday of each week for the coming Wednesday or visit www.skokie.org to make a request online.

Yard waste that will be collected includes brush trimmings, thatch from raking (in spring only) and older flower or vegetable plants. Leaves remaining from fall 2009 will also be collected in spring only.

Residents are asked to let grass clippings lay on the lawn after mowing. A normal weekly grass cutting creates no aesthetic odor or nuisance problems. Since grass clippings are 75% water, the grass will quickly decompose and nourish the lawn with nitrogen, thereby less artificial or chemical fertilizer is needed. Residents who wish to bag their grass clippings will need to contact a private landscaper for disposal options.

The Village continues to collect bundled brush and tree materials as this material does not quickly decompose. Branches must not exceed five feet in length and three inches in diameter. Residents must make arrangements with a private landscaper or tree service for the collection of brush and for branches or logs exceeding three inches in diameter and five feet in length and for dirt and sod.

The Village has strong anti-dumping ordinances and violators will be ticketed. Also, garbage and recycling containers that contain grass clippings, branches or other yard debris will not be collected as state law prohibits land filling these materials.

For more information regarding yard waste collection please contact the Village of Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427 or visit www.skokie.org.

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