

CITY BRUSH COLLECTION POLICY

City of Port Washington-Street Department Yard

The Street Yard is open Thursday, April 1, 2021 and closes Saturday, December 4, 2021.

- ❖ Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6 pm
- ❖ Thursdays 3:00 pm to 6 pm
- ❖ Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Street Yard accepts grass clippings, leaves, dead plants and other small yard items. Please call 262-284-2600 for more information.

Brush Policy for 2021

Brush piles that are estimated to exceed 15 minutes of chipping will be eligible to be disposed of by “hauling away”. For example, brush in the parkway that is stacked 5 feet high and longer than 15 feet.

It is important to properly stack brush with butt ends facing the curb in the direction of traffic and to separate logs and brush. If possible, stack brush in smaller individual piles that will allow for “grab and go” in order to be carried to the chipper. If eligible for “hauling away” you will be notified with a letter informing you that you will be charged before the work is performed and a bill will be sent. We will do our best to not charge and assist in informing of the proper way to stack brush so we can be more efficient.

The charge rate is \$60 if “hauled away”. All normal chipping is still free. Also, if you have smaller piles that can be put in containers for an example; clear bags, small box, or plastic tubs, it would be much appreciated to make the process more efficient.

Separate logs and brush into two distinct piles for easier pickup. For those residents who have smaller terraces or no terraces at all, please place brush in your front yard parallel to the sidewalk. **Also, if you have a contractor remove a tree, direct the contractor to take or chip the branches.**

Brush and Leaf Collection:

Brush collection is made bi-weekly from the week of April 26th to the week of May 24th, weekly from June 7th to the week of August 30th, and bi-weekly from the week of September 17th to the week of October 11th. Brush must be at the curb by Monday at 7:00 am. One trip will be made through the City whether it takes 1 day or 5 days. Brush will be accepted at the Street Yard from October 18th to December 4th.

Brush shall consist of all “woody” material, maximum 8 inches in diameter. Place brush (cut ends with the flow of traffic) at roadside. The brush pile should be no higher than 3 feet in height for pick up. Please place small piles of brush and twigs into a container (such as a small clear plastic bag or small box) for a quicker disposal.

Brush and logs cut by a contractor must be disposed of by the contractor.

Leaves may be raked into the street October 3rd – November 22nd only, weather permitting. Leaves can be bagged and taken to the Street Yard until December 4th.

Holiday Decorations and Christmas Trees:

Wreaths and garland are considered refuse and are to be placed in the refuse cart. Christmas trees will be collected curbside by the DPW several times in the **month of January.** **Do Not Leave the tree stands, light strings, ornaments, and/ or tree bags on the trees.**

Frequently Asked Questions For City Street Yard:

- ✓ Can residents bring wooden pallets to the Street Yard? **No**
- ✓ Can residents take mulch from the mulch pile? **Yes**
- ✓ Can residents take dirt from the dirt pile? **Yes**
- ✓ Can residents dump old mulch on the mulch pile? **Yes**
- ✓ Can residents dump dyed mulch on the mulch pile? **Yes**
- ✓ Can residents dump bark mulch on the mulch pile? **Yes**
- ✓ Can residents dump sod from trimming sidewalks? **Dirt Pile**
- ✓ Can residents bring down stumps, logs, or root balls **Stump Pile**
(no branches allowed (branches are for brush pick up at the curb))
- ✓ No **treated wood** shall be dumped at the Street Yard **Do Not Take**
- ✓ Can residents bring down stones –
how much and where? **4 in. and smaller stones - Dirt Pile (No limit)**
- ✓ Can residents bring down bricks – how much and where? **Concrete Pile (No limit)**
- ✓ Can residents bring down patio bricks/stones –
how much and where? **Concrete Pile (No limit)**
- ✓ Can residents bring down gravel – how much and where? **Dirt Pile (No limit)**
- ✓ Can residents bring down regular wood fence material? **No – (Do Not Take)**
- ✓ Can residents bring down landscaping stones –
how much and where? **6 in. or smaller stones – Dirt Pile (No limit)**

White Paper and Cardboard in dumpster – must be flatten before being placed in the dumpster. No Styrofoam in dumpster or plastic bags.

Dumpster for Invasive Species: List of Invasive Species (no bags in dumpster, please dump out your bag out): Garlic Mustard, Yellow Mustard, Dames Rocket, Burdock, and Thistles