

LEAF COLLECTION

As has been the practice, the City will collect leaves raked to the roadside in the fall, no special pick up is required, and this material will be deposited in the yard waste recycling area.

TREE LIMBS

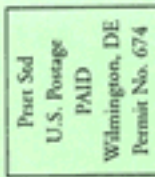
The City will collect tree limbs for all residential users, however a special trash pick up will be required by calling 322-9813. No fee will be charged. Tree limbs picked up will be chipped and placed in the yard waste recycling area.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas Trees will be collected and mulched by the City during the Christmas season from December 26 thru the end of January of each year. Trees should be deposited at curbside, no special trash pickup request is required.

SPECIAL NOTES

Grass should not be put out for collection on normal trash collection days. If you do this, it will not be taken away by the trash collector.



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CITY OF NEW CASTLE
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YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

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Program starts June 1, 2004

The City of New Castle averages approximately 3300 tons of waste a year that is hauled to the landfill at an approximate cost of \$160,000.00 per year in landfill fees. National studies show that approximately 20-30 % of material deposited in landfills annually is yard waste, much of which could be recycled.

The introduction of a yard waste recycling program will not only save the tax payers money, but it will also extend the life expectancy of land fills, as well as provide compost material that can be used by the City around its parks and flower beds, and may also be used by city residents.

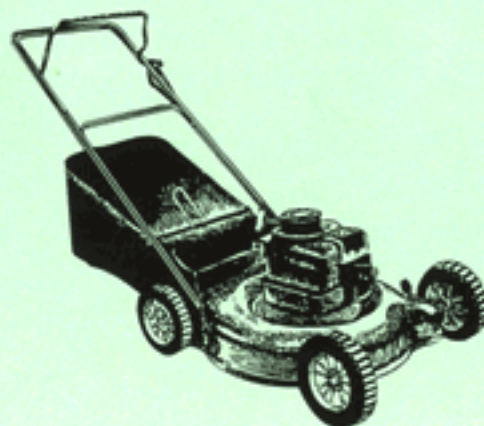
The first aspect that city residents can do to help promote yard waste recycling is to grasscycle by leaving mowed grass clippings on the yard to nourish the soil without fertilizers. Studies have shown that self mulching will not create a build up of thatch. To successfully grasscycle, mow frequently using a mulching mower or by purchasing a mulching adapter for older lawn mowers. Compost to recycle kitchen and yard waste matter for gardening and to help reduce the volume of curbside trash collection.

Conserve water by mulching flower/shrub beds, and by watering early in the morning only during the driest time of the summer.

The City of New Castle Yard Waste Recycling Program will consist of recycling grass clippings, leaves (in the fall), chipping tree branches (you must call 322-9813 for a special pick up) and Christmas Tree Recycling.

GRASS COLLECTION PROGRAM

The best practice that homeowners can do is to practice green gardening by self mulching their own grass clippings. The grass clippings quickly decompose providing nutrients to their lawn. However you if must bag your grass clippings, the City will collect your grass clippings from April 1 thru October 31 of each year.



WHO?

All single family, duplex, and townhouse residents are required to participate.

WHAT?

Grass clippings only will be collected and should be placed in 20-30 gallon garbage cans, paper bags or plastic bags, although the use of plastic bags is highly discouraged. The containers or bags should not exceed the 40 lb. Weight limit. NOTE: Grass that is wet is very heavy, (keep lids off to allow moisture to evaporate) and keep lids on when containers are placed out for collection.

Plant cuttings and discarded annuals can be placed at the curb for pickup on regular trash days. No other garbage or trash should be mixed with the grass clippings.

WHEN?

Collection of grass will take place on Wednesdays April thru October beginning at 7:00 a.m.

WHERE?

Place cans of grass at the curb as you would for normal trash collection.