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Yard Waste Collection Program

The Village of Skokie seasonal, weekly yard waste collection program resumes on Wednesdays from April 5, 2017 through November 8, 2017. Grass clippings, stumps, sod or dirt will not be collected.

To schedule a collection of brush or other yard debris, residents must schedule their pick-up online at www.skokie.org or call 847/933-3333, the automated yard waste phone line. A scheduled pick-up must be made by noon on Monday to request collection for the coming Wednesday. Both online and phone systems can be utilized during daytime, weekend and evening hours.

Yard waste that will be collected includes brush trimmings, thatch from raking and older flower or vegetable plants. These materials must be placed in a 30-gallon biodegradable paper yard waste bag. The Village will not collect any materials prepared in plastic bags.

Branches need to be bundled with string, rope or twine and should not exceed five feet in length and three inches in diameter. Bundles and bags should not exceed 50 lbs. Residents must make arrangements with a private landscaper or tree service for the collection of materials exceeding three inches in diameter and five feet in length.

The Village also does not collect grass clippings. 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 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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