

What NYC Residents and Landscapers Need to Know About Yard Waste Removal Regulations

including NYC's Yard Waste Composting Law (Local Law 40 of 2006/Introduction 431-A)

Yard Waste Set-Out Requirements for NYC Residents

- **NYC residents living in districts designated for seasonal yard-waste collection** must set out their yard waste for Department of Sanitation collection on the dates specified through official DSNY notification in either **paper lawn & leaf bags** (two-ply; 30–50 gallon capacity) or **unlined rigid containers** (18–32 gallon capacity). Residents can also set out tree limbs and branches in securely tied bundles no more than 2 feet high and 4 feet long. *Note special Asian Longhorned Beetle control measures below.*
- **Fines** for lack of compliance: \$25 for the first violation, \$50 for the second violation, \$100 for the third and each subsequent violation.
- **For info on the Department of Sanitation's yard waste collection programs**, call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation or www.nyc.gov/nycwasteless.
- **Special Asian Longhorned Beetle Control Measures:** to prevent further infestation, all wood from trees in quarantined areas is subject to special handling. **Before discarding tree prunings or firewood, residents in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens must schedule an appointment for special Parks and Recreation pickup.** For more info on the Asian Longhorned Beetle or to schedule an appointment for wood debris collection, call 311 or visit www.nycgovparks.org.



Landscaper Generated Waste

Yard waste generated by landscapers cannot be set out for Department of Sanitation collection nor dispersed in or around the curb or street.



- **Landscapers must collect and dispose of any yard waste that they generate at a permitted composting facility.** Exception: if the DSNY Commissioner gives written notice that there isn't sufficient capacity at permitted composting facilities within NYC (or within 10 miles of the borough where yard waste was generated), landscapers may dispose of yard waste at any permitted solid waste facility.
- **Fines** for lack of compliance: \$250 for the first violation, \$1,000 for the second violation within a twelve-month period after the first violation, \$2,500 for the third or subsequent violation within a twelve-month period after the first violation.
- **For info on how to dispose of yard waste at the Fresh Kills Compost Site**, contact: David Fianko at the NYC Department of Sanitation, Bureau of Waste Disposal, 917-237-5992, dfianko@dsny.nyc.gov.



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