

CITY OF BRISTOL – PUBLIC WORKS

21.11 LEAF/YARDWASTE & CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL

1. Policy Name

21.11 Leaf/Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection/Disposal

2. Responsible Division and effective date.

Public Works Solid Waste Division

Policy effective date 7/19/2007, rev 1 01/17/08, rev 11 Nov 2022

3. Rationale or Purpose

This policy is designed to reflect the City of Bristol’s collection and disposal program for leaves, yard waste & Christmas trees.

4. Policy Statement

This policy defines the time, frequency, location, and preparation standards of the materials to be collected for composting (leaves, yard waste & Christmas trees).

5. Scope

This policy applies to residents and taxpayers of Bristol that are eligible to use the Transfer Station and/or receive curbside rubbish, recycling, and yard waste collection.

6. Procedures – Compost Collection

A. Leaf Collection:

Leaves are collected in brown paper biodegradable bags (designed specifically for yard waste collection – No. 2 paper). Residents are required to provide (purchase) all leaf bags. No leaf bags will be provided for by the City. Plastic bags are not allowed and will not be collected by the City.

Leaf collections are in the spring during the month of April and again in the fall during the last two weeks of October and during the entire month of November. Leaf bags are collected curbside on the same cycle as weekly solid waste collection. **Rocks, dirt, sand and sod are prohibited, and shall weigh a maximum of 60 pounds.** There is no limit on the number of leaf bags that can be placed curbside for collection. Eligible for residents who receive city Solid Waste services.

Leaves deposited (piled) along the curb that are not in bags will not be collected as part of this program, and may pose a road hazard and/or nuisance. Stockpiled leaves along the roadway that have deemed a hazard/nuisance will be removed/collected by the Department of Public Works at the owner’s expense. Failure to pay the Department’s collection cost may result in fees or liens.

B. Brush/Branch Collection:

Brush/Branch collection is available when requested and scheduled by the resident online or by calling the Department of Public Works. Brush is limited to pieces four feet in length and no larger than six inches in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles. Residents

are requested to have prepared brush at the curb by 6:00 A.M. on their scheduled day. Brush is collected curbside each Wednesday. There is no limit to how often a resident can request the service, or how many bundles they can put out for collection. The total pile cannot exceed 4x4x4 feet and shall weigh less than 80 pounds. Eligible for residents who receive city Solid Waste services.

Brush can also be brought to the transfer station year-round by residents, by City Departments, and by contractors.

C. Christmas Tree Collection:

The City collects Christmas trees curbside for 2 weeks in the first half of January each year on the same cycle as solid waste collection. Trees must have all tree stands, lights, ornaments and tree bags removed. Christmas trees should be placed curbside by 6:00 A.M. on the resident's regular solid waste collection day. Christmas trees may also be brought to the Transfer Station for processing with a permit.

D. Yard Waste Collection:

The City of Bristol offers a curbside yard waste collection service. The annual service fee is currently \$90.00 per season. Starting in 2023, the Department of Public Works shall collect a one-time deposit of \$50/barrel. Said deposit shall be returned to residents when the yard waste service is terminated and the Department of Public Works collects the provided yard waste barrel (in good condition). Subscribers receive a 95 gallon green yard waste container. The City empties the container curbside on a weekly basis from mid-April through November. Yard waste collection is two (2) days after the residents regular solid waste collection day (i.e. if regular solid waste pickup is on Monday, yard waste pickup will be Wednesday), unless otherwise notified by the City of Bristol. If a yard waste collection day falls on a holiday, yard waste barrels will be emptied the next working day.

If yard waste barrels are stolen, the resident will be responsible to report the theft to the Bristol Police Department, have a case number assigned to the report, and contact Public Works with the case number and a request to deliver a replacement barrel to the address. City-issued yard waste barrels that are damaged beyond normal wear and tear will be replaced at the resident's expense, per the City of Bristol Barrel Replacement Policy. The fee to replace a barrel that is damaged due to negligence or abuse will be the City's cost per barrel. Payment in full will be required prior to a replacement barrel being delivered, please see City barrel replacement policy.

Acceptable yard waste consists of grass clippings, leaves, woodchips, and small (no thicker than 1 inch and no longer than 12 inches) twigs. Dirt, sod, rubbish, rocks, sand, or other foreign materials are not allowed. All yard waste must be placed in the provided yard waste container in such a manner that the material will freely exit the container when it is inverted.

7. Roles/Responsibilities

Residents are responsible for recycling according to guidelines.

Residents are responsible to renew yard waste service each year to obtain a paid sticker and be eligible for collection.

Public Works is responsible for collecting materials curbside as scheduled.

Residents are responsible for supplying bags for leaf collection.

Residents are responsible for notifying Public Works when they no longer wish to subscribe to the Yard Waste program and making arrangements to have their barrel retrieved.

8. Definitions

See City of Bristol, Code of Ordinances
Section 10-2 Definitions

9. References

See City of Bristol, Code of Ordinances
Section 10-14. Composting Site

10. Consequences of Non-Compliance

Residents can be subject to citation if compostable materials or yard waste containers are left curbside for a time exceeding that outlined in the City Ordinance. No service will be provided for brush collection unless scheduled with Public Works in advance. Yard Waste collection will only be provided to paid subscribers of the program. Leaf and Christmas tree collection will only be provided during the time frames shown above, however the resident may dispose of them at the Transfer Station at any time.

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