

# Following These “Do’s and Don’ts” Can Help You Avoid or Reduce Charges, and/or Avoid Delays in Removal of Yard Debris



## Things to Do:

1. Place Yard Debris Piles on Grass Right-of-Way Next to the Street, within the boundaries of the Residence or Business Where the Brush was Generated. In other words, do not place the debris in your neighbor's lawn even if it's the right of way.
2. Please Cut All Limbs/Branches to a Length of 6 Feet or Less (see no. 6 below regarding large logs 18" or larger in circumference).
3. Please Place Small Yard Debris (leaves, grass clippings, small foliage clipped less than 1 foot in length) in Lawn and Leaf Bags (example: 40-gallon capacity Hefty type bags). Place Bags in as Small an Area as Possible on Right-of-Way. When Placing Both Bags and Loose Yard Debris, Bags May be Placed Together in the Same Pile with Limbs and Branches, or Directly Next to the Pile. Please Make Sure that All Bags are Securely Closed. Avoid Overfilling Lawn and Leaf Bags. Always try to place no more than three (3) bags together in a single pile.
4. If Possible, Always Try to Organize Yard Debris and/or Bags into a Single Pile. If it's Unavoidable to Create More Than One Pile, Please Follow the Instructions Below for Each.
5. Place Yard Debris in a Neat Pile as Compact as Possible, with Larger Limbs and Branches (6 inches or more in circumference) Placed on Top. Always Try to Place Limbs and Branches in the Same Direction, Either Parallel or at Right Angles to the Street. Either is Acceptable Provided that all Limbs and Branches are Placed the Same Way. Placing Branches This Way Makes the Removal Process Quicker and More Efficient.
6. When Placing Large Logs (18" or Greater in Circumference) for Removal, Please Cut Them to a Length no Greater Than 24". Place Them Closely Together in the Same Direction (as described above in no. 5). If another Yard Debris Pile is Present, Place Logs Directly Next to the Pile. Please do not Randomly Mix Logs in With Other Types of Yard Debris.
7. Any piles larger than 6 cubic yards will be charged at a rate of \$5 per 2 cubic yards.

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## Things to Avoid:

1. **Always Avoid Placing Any Yard Debris Items Directly Under Low Overhead Electric or Communication Lines. The Minimum Height of Lines Under Which Yard Debris May be Placed for Safe Removal is Approximately 25-30 Feet. Always Provide Adequate Clearance When Placing Items Near any other Overhead Obstructions, such as Tree Canopies, Eaves, Overhangs, etc. Provide a Minimum of 20 feet of Clearance Around Such Obstructions. Always Provide at Least 25 feet of Clearance Around Vehicles of Any Type. Avoid Placing Items Too Close to Fences, Sheds, or Other Similar Structure Such as Basketball Goals, Play Equipment, Clothes Lines, Posts, Flagpoles, etc. Always Provide Adequate Clearance Around Household Waste Containers such as Garbage Totes.**
2. **Never Place Waste Materials of ANY Kind Directly on Road, Street, Sidewalk or Alleyway Surfaces; Always Place the Material on the Right-of-Way at the Front of Your Residence or Business a Minimum of 24” Away from These Surfaces.**
3. **Never Mix any Type of Yard Debris Items (Limbs, Branches, Leaf Bags, Logs, etc.) With any other Type of Material. Other Materials Such as Construction Debris or Household Waste should be Appropriately Placed in Approved Containers and/or in a Separate Area for Removal as Designated by Town Ordinance.**
4. **Avoid Placing Yard Debris Items in Cans or Other Containers, except for Lawn and Leaf Bags when appropriate (see no. 3 Above). Avoid Placing Yard Debris on Impervious Surfaces Such as Driveways, Concrete or Asphalt Slabs, etc.**
5. **Please do not Combine Your Yard Debris Items with Yard Debris Generated by a Separate Residence or Business. Place for Removal Only Items Generated from Your Property.**
6. **Never Place Yard Debris Directly on Top of nor Adjacent to any Type of Municipal Structure or Container. Such Structures and Containers Include but are not Limited to: Storm Water Drainage Inlets, Water Meter Boxes, Fire Hydrants, Utility Poles or Guidewires, or Municipal Signage of any Kind. Where Possible, Avoid Placing Yard Debris in Grass Drainage Swales (shallow ditches)**
7. **Don’t Place Debris in your neighbor’s lawn.**

***The Lake Hamilton Town Staff Greatly Appreciates Your Cooperation with Our Efforts to Improve Services for All Our Residents. Please Contact the Town Hall at (863) 439-1910 With any Questions or Comments.***