

## A FEW REMINDERS

- Plastic bags contaminate compost. Put yard debris directly into your yard debris cart without any bagging.
- Your hauler will provide you with a yard debris collection schedule.
- On collection day, place your cart at the curb (or in the street), but don't block the sidewalk.
- An overly-full yard debris cart may be charged as an extra; make sure the lid is closed and that the cart's weight doesn't exceed 120 pounds.



*No thanks,  
I'll compost my own!*

### COMPOSTING TIPS

- Chop yard debris into two inch pieces using a chipper/shredder, machete, or sharp shovel.
- Combine equal parts green grass or non invasive weeds with an equal amount of brown leaves or plant stems.
- Keep the pile evenly moist at all times.
- Turn on occasion.
- Be patient, and in time you'll have your own compost to add back to your landscape!

## For More Information...

Visit the City of Eugene's website at [www.eugenerecycles.org](http://www.eugenerecycles.org) or email staff at: [cesolwst@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:cesolwst@ci.eugene.or.us)

Call the City of Eugene Solid Waste and Recycling program at **682-5542**. The city offers free classes to learn to compost like a pro.

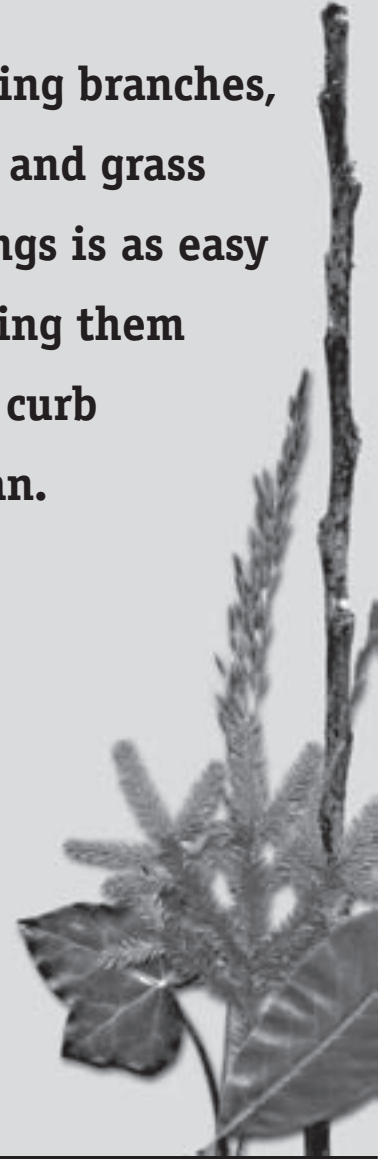
Contact your local garbage hauler with questions regarding collection times.



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## Yard Debris Recycling

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**RECYCLING BRANCHES, LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS** is as easy as rolling them to the curb in a can. Participants in this program are collectively recycling 10,000 tons of material annually.

This service diverts enough yard debris to fill 800 semi-truck trailers—the equivalent of a line of trucks stretching from downtown Eugene to Lane County’s Short Mountain Landfill eight miles away! The yard debris collected is converted into valuable compost.

### WHO PROVIDES THIS SERVICE?



Yard debris recycling is part of regular garbage and recycling service and is provided by licensed garbage haulers. Your hauler will provide you with specially colored 65-gallon roll carts that will be emptied every other week. Your hauler will provide you with a yard debris collection schedule.

Curbside yard debris is included in the monthly cost for most collection customers. Those with less than 32 gallons collected every other week must pay to subscribe to the service. Non-collection customers may also subscribe to the service by contacting any licensed garbage hauler in Eugene. If you aren’t already participating, simply call your hauler to get service established.

### WHAT MATERIAL IS INCLUDED?

Materials acceptable for collection should fall under **the general rule of if it grows, IT GOES!**

**INCLUDED:**

- Plants, even diseased or poisonous
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Branches up to 4" in diameter
- Garden and fruit tree discards
- Root wads
- Small stumps

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Dirt
- Garbage
- Metal
- Plastic
- Rock
- Pet waste
- Painted/treated lumber



### SEASONAL RECYCLING...



As each season approaches, keep in mind that you can recycle the following items in your yard debris cart.

**FALL:** Pumpkins, decorative ears of corn, gourds, leaves.

**WINTER:** Pine cones, Christmas trees, wreaths and prunings. Holiday materials must be disassembled – no wire, flocking, Styrofoam, or decorations – and must be cut up to fit entirely inside the yard debris cart.

**SPRING:** grass clippings and weeds. Better yet, mow grass often and leave clippings on the lawn.

**SUMMER:** grass clippings, weeds, garden debris. An annual application of compost to the lawn and landscape conserves water.