

An Alternative –Home Composting

Instead of pick-ups, residents can choose to home compost their yard waste.

What is composting?

Composting is the method of recycling organic material to the soil. When organic material decomposes in the soil, it puts back nutrients in the soil.

Benefits:

- Reduce methane emissions
- Add nutrients to the soil
- Reduce use of fertilizers

To get started, buy or build a bin and start putting organic waste



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The ABC's of Yard Waste Collection



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When yard waste is decomposed in landfills. It release methane, which contributes to global warming.

Global warming impacts all in many ways including:

- **More extreme weather like longer, colder winters**
- **Disruption to global food supplies.**

What is yard waste?

Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush, clippings from shrubbery, and garden waste.

Yard waste does not include dirt, rocks, or gravel.

Bundle and Bag

Yard waste collection services are free to all eligible households in Chicago

For yard waste to be collected by the city, it needs to be placed in city designated brown paper bags. Please see brown paper bag enclosed. This first bag is free. To receive more bags, you can chose to opt-in into the bag renewal program where the bags are left at your home each time waste is collected.

Prepping Yard waste for Collection:

1. Bundle sticks
2. Bag all other yard waste.
3. Leave out in the alley or on the curb side for collection



Designated city yard waste collection bags

Call and Collect

The following pick-up schedule will be followed :

Monthly Pick-up Schedule	
Month	Frequency
Jan & Feb	By Request
March-May	Bi-Weekly
June-September	Weekly
October & November	Bi-Weekly
December	By Request

To request a pick-up, customers should call 311. The city will come , collect the waste that is in the designated bags and take it be composted.

