

# Yard Waste - Chipping - Leaf Collection

Yard waste is defined as yard trash, debris, leaves, brush, tree limbs, cuttings and trimmings and similar materials.

Yard waste is collected separately from household garbage.

**DO NOT MIX HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE IN WITH YOUR YARD WASTE OR CHIPPING.**



Yard waste should be placed for pick-up within 5 feet of the roadway. Property owners may request pick-up of yard waste by calling City Hall to be put on a collection list.



## TREE CUTTING --

Any landowner in the City of Sky Valley wanting to cut, trim, top, or remove a tree(s) must first complete an application for a tree cutting permit on forms designated by the City of Sky Valley and file said application with the office of the City Clerk. Cutting, topping, trimming or removing trees on another persons land will require a signed written permission from that landowner to be sent to City Hall before a permit will be issued.

**VERY IMPORTANT --** Persons, firms or corporations performing tree removal or trimming services shall be responsible for the prompt removal of any yard waste they produce. You can not put tree cuttings out for City disposal that were a part of a tree cutting permit. If you had to obtain a tree permit from the city, the tree is too large for us to chip. A failure to remove any trees cut or debris from trees topped or trimmed within 14 days of completion will be considered a violation of our city ordinance with a mandatory fine of \$100 per day. The fine shall continue for each day the cut trees or debris remains on the property.

## SMALL YARD DEBRIS SUCH AS TWIGS, LEAVES, SHRUB TRIMMINGS, ETC. --



Small yard debris such as twigs, leaves, shrub trimmings, etc. can not be run through the chipper. This material must be bagged in paper or plastic bags specifically designed for yard debris. Other garbage can not be mixed in with the chipping or the bagged yard debris. The City removes leaves from ditches following the leaf season and after periods of heavy rain. We ask that you not contribute to this problem by raking your leaves into the ditch. Inevitably, limbs and twigs get raked up with your leaves and do not get removed by the leaf sucker causing ditches and culverts to stop up. This causes storm water problems for you, your neighbors and the City that could otherwise be avoided.

**CHIPPING --** Please make sure only limbs that are over 3 feet in length and up to 8 inches in diameter are put out for chipping. Limbs must be stacked facing in the same direction and within 5 feet of the road. The first 15 minutes of chipping by the city is free. You will be billed thereafter at a rate of \$60.00/hour. Persons performing tree removal or trimming services shall be responsible for the prompt removal of any yard waste they produce. They can not put their tree cuttings out for City disposal.



When in doubt about the City's rules and regulations, it is always best to ask. Hefty fines for illegal tree cutting, debris removal, or violations of watering restrictions can be easily avoided by a simple call to City Hall at 706-746-2204. We are all here to help.

*Linda Smith, City Manager*