



Vegetative Yard Debris Service Guidelines

This service is only for completed single-family and duplex residences.

The purpose of this service is to provide a mechanism for St. James residents to dispose of materials that are generated through the normal activity of residents' yard maintenance. Debris resulting from landscaping company activities is not eligible for this service.

Items that will be collected are grass clippings, pinecones, branches, leaves, and other similar vegetative waste. Any large branches **must not exceed 6 inches in diameter or a length of 5 feet**. Branches, limbs, and similar materials must be neatly stacked and tied to make it easier for the contractor to handle. **These materials must be in manageable piles that can easily be picked up with two hands.**

Leaves, grass clippings, twigs, pinecones, and other yard waste that can be raked must be bagged in biodegradable bags or an approved tote can. Waste in plastic yard bags or other types of bags which are not marked as biodegradable will not be picked up. The authorized 30-gallon bags can be obtained in bundles of 4 or 5 at Lowe's Hardware, or Walmart. Bags that break due to overfilling or wetness will not be picked up.

Items such as stumps, rocks, landscape timbers, and flowerpots will not be picked up. Small leaves and twigs remaining after pickup will need to be raked and bagged and will be collected during the next scheduled pickup.

Yard waste is collected every other Thursday. The collection schedule is available online at www.townofstjamesnc.org. Depending on the quantity of debris in the neighborhood, collections may extend through Saturday.

- Yard waste may not be curbside earlier than the Tuesday of your collection week.
- Yard debris collection vehicles will not go into driveways or off road to pick up debris.
- Yard waste left on common areas or vacant lots will not be picked up.
- There is currently no limit on the number of debris bags placed curbside.
- Restrain loose debris piles with rope for easier collection.
- Following a named Storm, review the Town website for updated information on revised scheduling.

Below are two examples of piles that will not be picked up.

1. Excess debris piles are outside the scope of weekly yard debris collection.



2. Loose debris piles will not be picked up.



As of October 2024, if your debris does not meet guidelines, the debris contractor will leave a orange flag near your debris and specify the issue.

