



YARD WASTE

CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA • UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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Any questions, call the City Solid Waste Coordinator at 305-809-3776.

Yard waste is the natural material generated from cleaning and maintaining yards and gardens. It includes leaves, tree and shrub trimmings, palm fronds, branches, coconuts, and other materials that grow. Soil, stones, coral, rocks, bricks, pavers, concrete, hoses, and other items found in a yard or garden **are not** yard waste.

As per Code Sec. 58-31, Yard waste must be containerized separately from garbage and single-stream recycling. Incorrectly containerized yard waste violates the City code and sends it to a landfill, which does not align with the city and community recycling goals. Yard waste in green garbage carts, blue recycling carts, or in plastic bags **WILL NOT** be collected.

Up to 400 gallons of yard waste will be collected curbside when placed in **RESIDENT-PROVIDED** containers. Yard waste may be placed in

- Open top 40-gallon cans (up to 10 total each week), **OR**
- Paper yard waste bags, **OR**
- Wheeled carts (number varies based on cart volume) not exceeding 400 gallons.

Open-top trash cans/paper bags must not be filled to 12 inches above the rim and must weigh less than 50lbs. Wheeled carts must not be filled above the rim and must not exceed the recommended weight listed on the cart. Overfilled cans, bags, or carts will not be serviced, and the service provider is not responsible for damage caused by overweight containers. **Plastic bags are NOT an acceptable means of containerization, and volumes exceeding 400 gallons must be scheduled and paid for separately.**

All containers/carts (garbage, recycling, and yard waste) need to be labeled with the residence address (house number and unit if applicable).

Do not place YARD WASTE ONLY stickers or other markings indicating yard waste on green garbage carts or blue recycling carts that have been provided. Non-compliant green garbage and blue recycling carts will be reclaimed and redistributed for their intended use, regardless of Yard Waste Only labels.

Bulk/non-containerized yard waste must be **scheduled by the property owner/resident** prior to or immediately after placement on the right of way. Call WM at 305-296-8297 to arrange payment and schedule removal. Commercial businesses are required to arrange and pay for separate yard waste removal, whether it is containerized or in a bulk pile.

Bulk quantities of yard waste may be self-hauled to the City of Key West Transfer Station and will be charged the current transfer station tipping fee rate.