

# Yardwaste Disposal

## Several Options are Available for Handling Yardwaste



### ❑ Seasonal Curbside Leaf Collection

For details about this seasonal program click on “Leaf Collection” under “Services” on this website.

### ❑ Drop off Site at Des Moines County Regional Landfill

There is no charge for disposal of **GRASS, LEAVES AND OTHER NON-WOODY PLANT MATTER** at the Des Moines County Regional Landfill. The material must be loose or in paper yardwaste bags; plastic bags must be emptied. Finished compost is available to the public for free.

Burlington residents who are customers of the City’s Solid Waste Department may take **WOOD WASTE** (twigs, brush, limbs and branches less than 8” in diameter) to the DMCR Landfill free of charge. Show proof of residency and a **current statement of account information** from the Burlington Municipal Water Company indicating trash fees are paid to the City for “free” disposal. Otherwise, the disposal fee is \$24/ton - just over a penny a pound.

The drop-off facility is paved and vehicle-friendly. Loads must be secured to avoid a \$10 surcharge – in most cases this will require a tarp.

The DMCR Landfill is located on Washington Road northwest of West Burlington, 1.3 miles from Hwy 34. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8-4 and Saturday, 8-noon.

### ❑ Commercial Haulers

Local commercial haulers, LaVeine Sanitation (319-753-0405) and Floyd’s E-Z-Way (319-752-5394), provide yardwaste collection. Their programs differ but generally the customer leases a 90-gallon wheeled container from the company for around \$2 per month and is charged \$4 to empty the container as needed. Bundled brush may be collected as well. For large branches and tree trunks, look in the Yellow Pages under “Tree Service.”

### ❑ Backyard Composting

Home composting, and the method used to compost is a matter of personal preference. Information on backyard composting is available at the Des Moines County Extension Office, Area Recyclers, Burlington Public Library and on the Internet.

### ❑ Leaf Burning

For specifics about leaf burning refer to the Burlington Fire Department information on this website.

### ❑ Street Sweeping by the Public Works Department

Leaves that gather naturally in the street will be swept up by the Public Works Department. However, it is **ILLEGAL** to rake, blow or deposit leaves on streets, sidewalks or alleyways.