

## **Crystal Shores Yard Waste Management Policy**

As you may know, Waste Management's yard waste pick up day is Friday. However, on numerous occasions throughout the year, we see large piles of yard waste that remain in the street right-of-way for long periods of time, some for more than a week.

Waste Management (WM) has specific standards of what yard waste material that they will pick up. The following instructions on yard waste and yard waste pickup are found on the City of Destin's website:

*Yard waste (tree limbs, leaves, lawn clippings, etc.)*

- *Leaves/lawn clippings and small twigs must be canned or bagged and shall not weigh in excess of 50 lbs. per container or bundle.*
- *Tree limbs must be stacked and shall not be in excess of 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. (Items larger than these specifications require a special pickup and charges may apply. Please call (850) 862-7141 for pricing and to schedule a pickup.*
- *Total volume per each yard waste service day shall not exceed 2 cubic yards - approximately the amount that can be placed in the bed of a standard pickup truck. If total volume exceeds these specifications, the remainder will be picked up on the next scheduled yard waste service day.*
- *If you receive a notification tag, your yard waste may not meet the requirements. Please call (850) 862-7141 for more information.*

While owners are encouraged to maintain their landscapes, owners need to make sure that any yard waste material left at the curb is removed quickly or, better yet, removed by the landscape maintenance/service provider.

If the pile of yard waste is too large to pick up, in accordance with WM published guidelines, then it sits there until special arrangements are made for a scheduled pickup via WM. Large piles of yard waste sitting for too long in the ROW is problematic for several reasons:

1. Can damage or kill turf in the ROW.
2. Mowing and chemical treatment of the turf cannot take place in affected area.
3. Material blows around during high winds.
4. Blocks off parts of adjacent sidewalk or street, affecting pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
5. Is unsightly and detracts from our curb appeal.
6. Presents a potential fire hazard if material is dead or dry.

To reduce the incidents where large piles of yard waste remain at the curb/right-of-way areas for long periods of time, the following procedures should be followed.

A. If an owner generates a large amount of yard waste, they should contact a yard waste hauling contractor to remove this material. Three junk/waste removal companies are listed below as suggestions. However, owners are free to use any yard waste hauler.

Dirty Deeds Haul Away  
(850) 259-9844  
4793 Trovare East  
Fort Walton Bch, FL 32547

JUNK AWAY  
[junkawayflorida@gmail.com](mailto:junkawayflorida@gmail.com)  
850-803-JUNK (5865)  
1 Industrial Park Rd, Suite G2  
Destin, FL 32541, USA

Roadhouse Hauling  
[dalton@roadhousehauling.com](mailto:dalton@roadhousehauling.com)  
850-749-3033  
Crestview, FL

B. When an owner hires a landscape service or uses their regular landscape service and a large amount of yard waste is generated that does not meet the Waste Management requirements for pick up, owners should require the landscape service to collect and remove the yard waste from the property and take it to the county landfill.

### **Yard Waste Management Rules**

1. Yard Waste shall not be left at the curb, driveway apron or right-of-way grass for longer than 7 days.
2. Yard waste left for pickup shall not be left on the street or on the sidewalk.

Violation of any Yard Waste Management rule will result in a \$100 per occurrence or per day.