

TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

BRUSH & BAG PICKUP GUIDELINES

SCHEDULE:

Brush and bag pick-up basically goes year round. The only times that the packers will not be picking up will be when there is a weather emergency (snow removal, storms, flooding...), Training education that require all or majority of staff to be present, shorthanded on staff and like reasons. The Highway Department trucks will circulate through the town (except in the Village of Altamont) in the same pattern they have for decades, one time and then begin again. There is no way to know how long that will take to get around the town one time, as it changes depending on the amount of debris and bundles placed out for pick up. The best we can say is that it takes between one (1) and four (4) weeks to get back to the same point again. The office does NOT know where the packers are in their routes. If your property is on a STATE road, COUNTY road or outlying RURAL areas, your pickup is every other Monday (Tuesday if they are running behind or Monday is a Holiday).

GUIDELINES:

- ✓ Leaves and pine needles must be placed in biodegradable paper bags.* (Plastic bags will not be accepted.)
- ✓ Dirt (loose or attached to plants, grass or the like) will not be accepted.
- ✓ Animal feces and other non-yard waste will not be accepted.
- ✓ Brush and branches must not be greater than four inches (4") in diameter and must be tied and bundled in no longer than four foot (4') lengths so that one person can handle them.
- ✓ Tree stumps will not be accepted.

PLACEMENT OF DEBRIS:

Place all debris for pick up at the edge of owner's property (never place in the street or curb/gutter). The Highway Department works in the rain, so leave it out there at all times so that it will not be missed on the day they are picking up on your street. Each truck has shovels with them in the event that a bag breaks; they shovel it up.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL:

Anything that does not meet the above criteria will have to be disposed of by the individual homeowner. Below is a list of some of the types of materials that are not acceptable.

- Fencing (including wooden)
- Demolition material
- Rocks
- Stumps
- Roots
- Dirt
- Sod
- Animal feces

WHY DIDN'T THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TAKE MY BRUSH AND/OR LAWN DEBRIS?:

- Brush was not tied/bundled.
- Loose material not bagged.
- Material not in biodegradable paper bags.
- Unacceptable material in bags (see above listing).
- Material longer than four feet (4') in length and/or larger than four inches (4") in diameter.

CHRISTMAS TREES:

After the New Year through February (when not snowing); packer trucks will pick up Christmas trees that are placed at the edge of owner's property (there is no schedule).

LEAF VACUUM:

Leaf vacuum is ONLY done in the Fall (mid October through just after Thanksgiving) This does have a schedule and it is posted on the Town web site (www.townofguilderland.org) at the beginning of October each year. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can get a copy of the schedule at Town Hall sometime in the beginning of October each year.

* Biodegradable paper bags are available for purchase at your local lawn and garden shops, hardware stores, grocery stores and other department/retail stores.