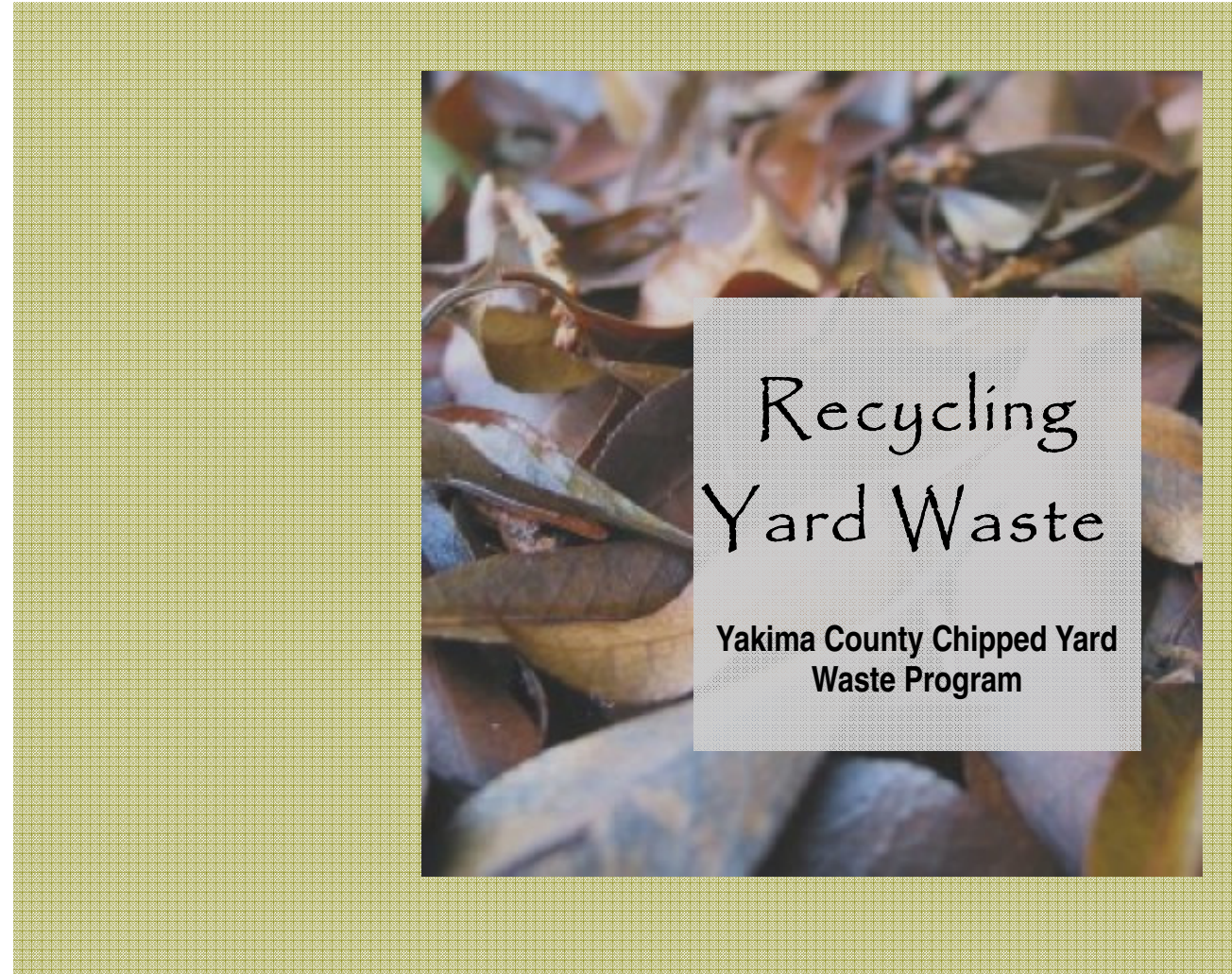


# City Yard Waste Collection

Weekly or bi-weekly curbside yard waste collection is available in some communities.

- **City of Yakima residents**, yard waste curbside pickup is available by contacting 575-6080. They offer a 64 and 96 gallon yard waste cart with weekly service . The service is March 1st–November 30th.
- **Outside of Yakima city limits** in select areas yard waste pickup is available through Yakima Waste Systems by calling 248-4213. They offer a 96 gallon container with every other week pick-up. The program runs year round.
- The **City of Zillah** has yard waste curbside pick up available by calling 829-5151. There is a \$21 deposit to obtain a yard waste container and pick up is every other week. The program runs all year long.
- **City of Toppenish** residents should call 865-4500 to see if they have yard waste pick up in their neighborhood.
- **City of Selah** offers a yard waste program which runs April -October. Contact City Hall 698-7326 for more details.

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## Grass is NOT garbage

You might be surprised to know that about 30% of the waste coming to the landfills in Yakima is yard and wood waste, NOT garbage.

When landfills are full of organic matter (grass clippings, leaves, branches, clean wood, etc.) it takes up valuable space that is needed for garbage.

Landfills are expensive and complicated to build and (surprisingly!) no one wants one in their neighborhood. It is better for our landfill to put organic matter into your compost pile and not in your garbage can.

## Don't mix your load.

Loads that come to the landfill and have only clean yard waste material will receive a 50% discount on the tipping fees. Loads that have both organic material and garbage will be charged the garbage rate.

Plastic bags might be a convenient way to haul leaves, grass clippings and brush to the landfill, but plastic is considered a contaminant in the yard waste pile.

Yard waste that comes in plastic bags cannot go through our chipper and will be weighed at the garbage rate.

Put your yard waste in reusable containers like plastic garbage cans or plastic storage containers that can be dumped and used again. You can also haul clippings and yard trimmings loose in the back of a truck (covered of course!) in a cardboard box or in paper yard waste bags that you can buy at home and garden stores.

**Remember ALL LOADS need to be covered.**

## Yard Waste Program

All of the yard waste and clean wood that comes to the landfill gets ground up into nutrient rich organic material. We offer this "chipped yard waste" material, which is very easy to compost, for FREE to Yakima County residents.



## Composting made easy...

Don't be intimidated by composting. All organic matter (like leaves and grass) will break down eventually whether you get the exact ingredients in your compost recipe or not.

You will need some "greens" (grass, green leaves) and "browns" (twigs, brown leaves), add a little water (it should be wet as a wrung out sponge) and turn. Viola! You've created a beautiful amendment to your soil. For more information about composting contact us at Yakima County Solid Waste, 574-2450 or on our website at [www.yakimarecycles.com](http://www.yakimarecycles.com).

### We Want

- ⇒ Leaves
- ⇒ Brush
- ⇒ Grass clippings
- ⇒ Small branches (under 12" diameter)
- ⇒ Pallets
- ⇒ Vegetation
- ⇒ Clean Wood

### We DON'T Want

- ⇒ Plastic
- ⇒ Sod
- ⇒ Manure
- ⇒ Treated Wood
- ⇒ Painted Wood
- ⇒ Stumps
- ⇒ Hay or Straw
- ⇒ Rocks
- ⇒ Food Waste