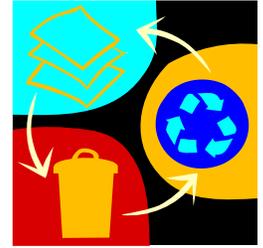




City of Easton Yard Waste Diversion Program Summary



I. Available Options for leaf disposal:

- 1) Residents may bag leaves only in clear bags and make an appointment with Public Works (610-250-6680) for pickup at their residence. This service is available all year. No grass or brush will be picked up curbside.
- 2) Leaves may be raked curbside for pickup with machines. However, this option is often unreliable due to limited resources, inclement weather, equipment problems, and piles refused for pickup due to contamination w/ unacceptable materials that can damage machines. This service is available only during fall leaf season (October - December).
- 3) Leaves may be brought to the Public Works Complex at 500 Bushkill Drive Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

II. Brush Disposal:

A volume equivalent of two single garbage bags of brush, limbs, shrubs, etc. or two 3' x 3' x 2' bundles weighing no more than 40 lbs. may be brought to the Public Works Complex at 500 Bushkill Drive Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents may also call Public Works for curbside pickup and must abide by the same limit policies. NO waste from any landscapers will be accepted.

III. Grass Clippings:

Grass clippings pose one of the most difficult disposal challenges for any municipality due to pesticide contamination, difficulty in composting, lack of means to collect in bulk, and sheer volume of materials. Residents are strongly urged to use mulching blades and to participate in the Cut & Leave Program. Residents should also require their commercial lawn services to participate in the cut and leave program to reduce clippings and hence tonnage in the waste stream. It should be remembered that mulching does not cause thatch which is an organic debris layer between soil and live grass. Additionally, cutting and leaving requires less effort, takes less time, and will provide your lawn with 25% of its total fertilizer needs including nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

Domestic Trash tonnage increases by 33% in the warmer months. Please help us reduce this trend through participation in the yard waste diversion program.