

## GRASS CLIPPINGS

Grass clippings are considered solid waste and should be recycled or disposed of properly. The City of Middleburg Heights encourages residents to mulch or compost grass clippings as an alternative to disposal whenever possible. The use of a mulching lawn mower can eliminate almost all grass clipping.

Should mulching or composting not be a viable option, residents may bag their clippings and dispose of them as part of the weekly garbage collection. Please keep bags of grass clippings to a reasonable weight, usually no more than 40 pounds.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Each year, 10,000,000 Christmas trees end up in the landfill. You can still recycle your tree. The City of Middleburg Heights offers Christmas Tree Collection. Place your tree on your tree lawn and a Public Service crew will collect and chip your tree.

Local farms will accept Christmas trees as animal feed and shelter. For the safety of the animals, all decorations, tinsel, ornaments and lights must be removed. Local compost and yard waste facilities in Cuyahoga County also accept trees and yard waste for recycling. See [cuyahogarecycles.org](http://cuyahogarecycles.org) for a list of registered compost facilities.

Artificial trees cannot be recycled. If they are no longer usable, they should be placed in the regular trash for disposal. If they are pre-lit, the light strings can be removed from the tree and recycled through the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

Should these options not be viable, Christmas trees may be disposed of with your weekly garbage collection. Trees must be cut into 4 foot lengths and placed with your weekly garbage for collection.

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## YARD WASTE GUIDE

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## LIMB AND BRANCH REMOVAL

As a service to Middleburg Heights residents, the Department of Public Service offers free disposal of limbs, branches, and bushes. This service is offered on a year-round basis, and no notification is required. In most cases, any branches, limbs, or bushes placed on your tree lawn will be collected within 7-10 days.

This service has been developed to assist residents with the disposal of this waste. Commercial contractors are responsible for the disposal of any waste / debris they create and will not be collected as part of this program. For your assistance, please refer to the Limb and Branch Removal DOs and DON'Ts:

### DOs

- **DO place all branches and limbs neatly on your tree lawn for chipping**
- **DO be aware of work areas and reduce your speed when driving near branch, limb, and bush collection operations**
- **DO cut limbs and branches to a maximum of 6 to 8 feet in length**
- **DO place all branches and limbs parallel to the curb**
- **DO place all butt ends facing the same direction**
- **DO place any logs in a neat pile next to any limbs and branches - logs may be picked up at a different time**
- **DO cut bushes to manageable weights and sizes**
- **DO remove all dirt from any root ball**
- **DO dispose of any small branches or sticks with your weekly rubbish collection - place small branches and twigs in a garbage can, garbage bag, or in a container, such as a cardboard box for disposal with your weekly garbage collection, or secure small twigs and branches with tape / twine in bundles of no more than 4 feet in length and 40 pounds in weight and place out with your weekly garbage collection (**small branches, sticks, and twigs, will not be collected**)**

### DON'Ts

- **DO NOT place or block any street / sidewalk with limbs, branches, or bushes**
- **DO NOT place prickles, vines, or ivy on the tree lawn for collection - bag any prickles, vines, or ivy and dispose of them with your weekly garbage collection**
- **DO NOT place any lumber on your tree lawn for chipping - bundle any lumber with tape / twine, no more than 4 feet in length / 40 pounds in weight and place out with your weekly garbage collection**

## FALL LEAF PICK UP

The Middleburg Heights Department of Public Service offers residents fall leaf pick up. Leaves are considered a solid waste and should be either recycled or disposed of properly to provide safe clean streets and to prevent issues within the stormwater drainage system. Traffic will be affected during leaf collection. Be patient and help us keep our crews safe.

Service Department crews will collect leaves from mid-October into December, weather permitting. Residents may expect at least 4 collections per year, with 7 to 10 days between collections. Additional collections may be added based on need and weather conditions. Leaf piles blocked by vehicles or other obstructions will be picked up as part of the next collection cycle, or after the obstruction has been removed. For your assistance, please refer to the Fall Leaf Pick Up DOs and DON'Ts:

### DOs

- **DO Think SAFETY - children should NEVER play in leaves piled along the roadway - motorists and public service crews cannot see children hidden in leaves**
- **DO be aware of work areas and reduce your speed when driving near leaf collection operations**
- **DO place leaf piles on the tree lawn; behind the curb / edge of pavement without blocking the street or sidewalks**
- **DO make sure leaf piles are close enough to the street for the collection equipment to reach them - generally, no more than 3 feet from curb**
- **DO keep leaf piles away from any trees, bushes, mailboxes, decorations, street signs and / or fire hydrants**
- **DO recycle on your property or bag your loose leaves whenever possible**

### DON'Ts

- **DO NOT rake or blow leaves onto streets or sidewalks - leaf piles on the streets or sidewalks are a dangerous public safety hazard to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians**
- **DO NOT mix sticks, trash, metal, heavy debris (concrete, bricks, blocks), or pet waste in leaf piles - other waste may damage our equipment, injure our crews / bystanders, and severely slow our progress**
- **DO NOT block storm drains with leaf piles - this will block the drain and may cause flooding**
- **DO NOT place holiday decorations within 10 feet of leaf piles**
- **DO NOT park in front of leaf piles awaiting collection**
- **DO NOT dump grass clipping in leaf piles**

For additional information, please call:

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