



## BRUSH COLLECTION

# Rules & Regulations

The Streets Division performs curbside brush collection from April through September. There is no fixed schedule during the collection window. Failure to follow these rules & regulations may result in your brush not being collected.

### Brush Information

- » Brush is woody material trimmed from trees and bushes.
- » Brush must measure at least 18 inches in length.
- » Brush must not be longer than 8 feet in length.
- » Brush must not be thicker than 8 inches in diameter.
- » Remove all dirt and roots.
- » Brush cut by contractors will not be collected by Streets Division crews.
  - Contractors may not use city drop-off sites.
  - Contractors may use the Brush Processing Center.

### Brush Placement

- » Place brush on the terrace or street edge if there is no terrace.
  - Do not place brush in the street.
  - Do not block the sidewalk with brush.
- » Stack brush with cut ends facing the same direction.
- » Where possible, keep brush piles four feet from any obstruction such as mailboxes, utility poles, fire hydrants, parked cars and so on. Inaccessible piles will not be collected.
- » Do not mix brush and yard waste together.
  - Brush and yard waste are separate collections picked by separate crews and are taken to different processing locations.
- » Do not place brush in bags, boxes, or containers of any sort.
- » Small amounts of brush may be bundled with string or twine.
  - Bundles may not exceed 4 feet in length or 40 pounds in weight.
  - Do not bundle brush with any kind of wire. Only use string or twine.

### When to Place Brush for Collection

Check the pickup schedule map on the Streets Division's brush website [cityofmadison.com/brushcollection](http://cityofmadison.com/brushcollection). The maps are updated daily during the collection period and will direct residents when to place material to the curb to ensure collection. Residents can also call the brush collection hotline at (608) 267-2088, or contact the Streets Division office that services their home.

### Large Brush Piles

Piles of brush at the curb that will take wood chipper crews more than 15 minutes to process are re-assigned to be collected by a truck-mounted crane vehicle. Large piles are usually collected 1 or 2 days after chipper crews have serviced an area.

### Drop-Off Sites

Sites can only be used by City of Madison residents. Proof of residency is required prior to use. Contractors may not use the site. Non-residents and contractors will be denied use of the site. Residents are restricted to one trip a day, and loads must not exceed what would fit into the back of a standard pick-up truck or a 5' x 8' trailer. Oversized loads will be denied use of the site.

- » **East:** 4602 Sycamore Ave.
- » **West:** 1501 W. Badger Rd.

### HOURS:

#### » April - November

- Monday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Tuesday, 8:30am - 8:00pm
- Wednesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Thursday, 8:30am - 8:00pm
- Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Saturday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Sunday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

#### » December - March

- Monday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
- Tuesday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
- Wednesday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
- Thursday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
- Friday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
- Saturday, Closed
- Sunday, Closed

### Contact Information

- » Areas east of S. Park Street, including the isthmus:
  - Phone: (608) 246-4532
  - Office: 4602 Sycamore Ave.
  - Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- » Areas west of S. Park Street:
  - Phone: (608) 266-4681
  - Office: 1501 W. Badger Rd.
  - Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- » Online: [cityofmadison.com/streets](http://cityofmadison.com/streets)

## **Collection Rotation Explained**

At the start of the collection season, crews are deployed into the area of Madison with a Monday refuse collection day. Crews will collect brush from each street within that collection district. After crews collect brush from each street within the Monday district once, they rotate into the Tuesday collection district. Upon completion of the Tuesday district, they rotate into the Wednesday district followed by the Thursday district and then the Friday district. Upon completion of the Friday district, crews return to the Monday district to begin another round. Collection crews will complete as many cycles through the city as possible during the April to September collection window.

## **Brush Set Out After Collection Season Ends**

When the official collection season ends, brush may sit on the curb until collection restarts. Residents should take brush to a drop-off site when season is over.

## **Brush Processing Center and Available Mulch**

Contractors, residents, and all other Madison taxpayers may take brush cut from a City of Madison parcel to the brush processing center to be chipped for a small per ton fee. Mulch created from collected brush is also available at this location. More information regarding processing fees and mulch can be found on the Streets Division website or contacting the center.

- » Location: 121 E. Olin Ave.
- » Phone: (608) 266-4911
- » Hours: Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 2:30pm