



BRUSH COLLECTION

Rules & Regulations

Failure to follow the below rules & regulations may result in your brush not being collected.

When Will Brush Collection Occur

Brush collection does not occur year round. Residents receive multiple collection opportunities from the spring until the start of the fall leaf collection season. Check the Streets Division's brush collection website to learn when to set out brush to the curb at your home. The website is cityofmadison.com/brushcollection.

Residents can also call the brush collection hotline to learn more information. The hotline number is (608) 267-2088.

When collection is not active, take the material to a drop-off site.

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.

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.

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

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 change seasonally. Check the Streets Division's website or contact us to learn when sites are open.

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