

# WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Spent flowers and garden plants
- Weeds
- Pine needles, pine cones, acorns, chestnuts, walnuts and apples
- Halloween pumpkins
- Corn cobs and husks,
- Vines
- Straw (dry bales less than 40 lbs.)
- Wood chips
- Woody material up to 2-inches in diameter
- Small shrubs (no root balls)
- Untreated, unpainted wood boards with nails removed
- Sawdust and wood shavings



## QUESTIONS?



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### Website

[www.romi.gov/yardwaste](http://www.romi.gov/yardwaste)



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

# YARD WASTE SEPARATION

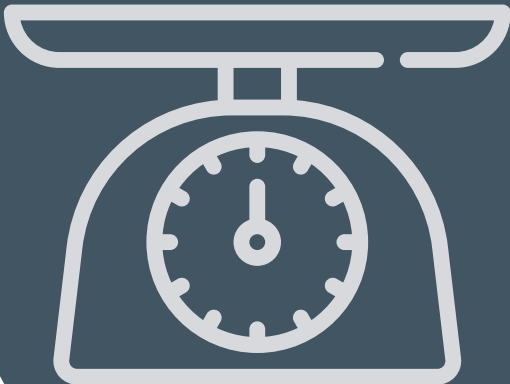


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**PUBLIC SERVICES**

## HOW DO I PREPARE YARD WASTE FOR COLLECTION?

Yard waste may be placed in 32-gallon trash cans, clearly marked with a “Yard Waste” sticker facing the street (available at some city offices) or brown paper yard waste bags available at most stores.

CONTAINERS OR BAGS  
CANNOT WEIGH MORE  
THAN 50 POUNDS EACH.



## WHY MUST I SEPARATE ITEMS?

Yard waste is banned from disposal in Michigan landfills. SOCRRRA converts yard waste into compost, a useful nutrient rich soil amendment.

## IS YARD WASTE COLLECTED YEAR-ROUND?



No, weekly curbside collection is provided from the first Monday in April through the third Friday in December.

## WHAT IF I HAVE YARD WASTE WHEN COLLECTION ISN'T PROVIDED?

Royal Oak residents can bring yard waste to the SOCRRRA Transfer Station at 995 Coolidge Road in Troy at no charge December through March – limit 10 bags per day per household. Visit [socrra.org](http://socrra.org) for dates/hours of operation and location.

*(No contractors or landscapers please).*



## BRUSH & BRANCHES

Brush and branches are generally considered to be branches between 2” and 5” in diameter. Small twigs (less than 2” in diameter) are not considered brush and should be placed with yard waste.

### What do I do with brush and branches?

Bundle brush and branches securely with twine (bundles no longer than 4 feet in length or 15-inches in diameter) and place at the curb by 7:00 am of collection day. **Bundles cannot weigh more than 40 pounds.** Please set bundles so that large end of branches are closest to the street. Bundles will be taken with trash.

### What about logs, firewood and lumber?

Logs or firewood must be less than 5-inches in diameter, cut to 2-foot lengths, bundled securely, **weighing less than 40 lbs. per bundle.** Logs or firewood over 5-inches in diameter must be disposed of privately. Lumber (without nails) must be cut to 4-foot lengths or less, bundled, **weighing less than 40 lbs. each.** Bundles must be next to your trash for collection by 7:00 am.