

DEKALB COUNTY SANITATION DIVISION

YARD TRIMMINGS

POLICIES & PROCEDURES



What are Yard Trimmings?

- Tree parts
- Grass clippings
- Leaves, twigs, branches & limbs
- Shrubbery, vines & garden plants
- Other naturally occurring vegetative matter

Acceptable Containers

- **No plastic bags**
- Biodegradable paper bags
- Durable metal or plastic containers with two handles (up to a 40-gallon capacity)

Collection Procedures

- Containers or bags should not contain dirt.
- Tree parts (each piece) must not exceed 25 lbs.
- Twigs, vines & leaves must be in an approved container.
- Branches & limbs must be trimmed of twigs, vines & leaves.
- Paper bags must be folded at the top to minimize rain damage.
- Tree limbs must either be stacked neatly at the curb or bundled & tied; should not exceed four feet in length.
- **Special collection (prepaid fee required)** – large volumes of yard trimmings; improperly prepared yard trimmings; tree parts greater than 3 inches; containers or bags with dirt; tree parts cut by hired contractors.



Properly prepared



Special collection



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