Program Restrictions

Brush Collection

- Branches and limbs should be no larger than eight inches in diameter (length is unimportant). Stack brush neatly on the parkway with cut ends towards the street.
- Piles must be placed in the parkway adjacent to the curb no more than two days prior to the start of collection on Monday.
- Place brush on the parkway in front of your home only.
- Do not tie or bundle your brush piles.
- Do not place brush in the street.
- Willow whips, small twigs, vines, clippings, plants, roots, etc. must be placed in paper yard waste bags with a sticker for collection on your garbage day.
- Stumps and roots will not be picked up, as dirt can damage the equipment.
- Brush piles containing foreign objects (rocks, metal, bottles, or something other than brush) will not be collected.
- Lumber or fence posts will not be picked up.
- No material inside a container will be picked up. This is considered yard waste and will be picked up by the garbage company if properly packaged and stickered.
- Place branches with thorns in separate pile.
- If brush is not picked up, crews will leave you a notice affixed to the pile explaining why it was not collected.

Program Restrictions (Continued)

The program is not designed for collection of whole tree removals. If a tree is removed, the resident is responsible for disposal of the brush and logs from the tree. If it is placed on the parkway for pickup, the City's contractor will not pick up the brush. **The program is for trimming of trees and shrubbery for enhancing yard appearance. Anything more than this is the resident's responsibility.** Brush piles will be rejected if they contain limbs over eight inches in diameter, root balls or any foreign materials such as metal, lumber or fence posts. Material bundled with rope or twine, or placed in containers, will also be rejected.

- **Do NOT park vehicles in front of the piles of brush. If piles of brush are not accessible, the Crews will not pick up and they will not return.**
- **Do NOT block any sidewalk.**

Rejection Notice

- **Upon the receipt of a non-compliance notice, the homeowner shall remove all items designated in the notice from the parkway.**
- **Disposal of such items will be the homeowner's responsibility.**

Brush Collection Program

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The City contracts for curb side residential brush collection services from May through November each year. There is a mandatory monthly charge of $1.75 for this program which is reflected in your quarterly garbage and recycling collection bill.

Collection Procedures

Starting the first Monday of each month (unless a City Holiday in which case collection will start the Tuesday following), the City's contractor will drive down each street in the City to collect brush placed on the parkway by the curb or shoulder. Brush collection for the entire City is normally completed within five business days.

Brush collection crews will make only one pass on each street; therefore, brush must be placed on the parkway no more than two days prior to the start of the collection period. Brush placed at curb after crews have passed will not be collected and must be removed until the next collection period.

The City's contractor alternates the start of collection from the north side to the south side of the City each month, so it is important for residents to have brush placed in the parkway just prior to the first Monday of the collection week.

AVOID A $50 TICKET

PLACING BRUSH ON THE PARKWAY MORE THAN TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST MONDAY OF SCHEDULED PICKUP OR PLACING BRUSH OUT AFTER THE CONTRACTOR HAS PICKED UP IN YOUR AREA WILL RESULT IN A TICKET WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE OR WARNING.

2020 Brush Collection Schedule

To avoid a citation, brush should not be placed in the parkway prior to these dates before the start of the scheduled collection period.	Monthly brush collection starts on the following dates:
Saturday, May 2, 2020	Monday, May 4, 2020
Saturday, May 30, 2020	Monday, June 1, 2020
Saturday, July 4, 2020	Monday July 6, 2020
Saturday, August 1, 2020	Monday August 3, 2020
Saturday, September 5, 2020	Tuesday, September 8, 2020*
Saturday, October 3, 2020	Monday, October 5, 2020
Saturday, October 31, 2020	Monday, November 2, 2020
*Labor Day is Monday, September 7, 2020 and there is no brush pickup.	

Please note: Your collection date can vary, so please be sure to have brush placed in the parkway and ready by 7:00 a.m. Monday morning. Crews will not return until the following month.