

## Yard Waste Collection 2016

According to the following policies: Yard waste will be collected from April thru October as per the schedule of collections, weather permitting. **Once the schedule is determined it will be posted at City Hall, on the City of Reading website [www.reading.mi.us](http://www.reading.mi.us) and on WCSR 92.1 FM during the Reading Area Report.**

1. All materials for collection shall be placed at the edge of the street no later than 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for collection and no sooner than the weekend before the scheduled collection, except for Fall Leaf pick-up.
2. Schedule of collection is as follows weather permitting:
  - **April 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - **May 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - **June 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - **July 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - **August 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - **September 16<sup>th</sup>**
  - **October 14<sup>th</sup>**
3. Yard waste **eligible** for collection shall include:
  - **Branches**
  - **Tree Limbs**
  - **Bagged Grass Clippings**
  - **Bagged Garden Clippings**
  - **Bagged Leaves** - except for fall leaf pick-up when they can be both bagged and/or wind rowed at the road shoulder.

**\*\*\* Biodegradable bags must be used for Leaves, Grass and Garden Clippings**

4. **No animal waste** will be collected.
5. All Leaves, Grass & Garden Clippings need to be placed in **biodegradable** bags, Branches / Limbs in bundles, **not to exceed 80 pounds**. All Branches / Tree Limbs longer than 3 feet in length but **not to exceed 8 feet in length** shall be placed along the road edge in such a manner to have all the limbs in one direction and stacked as to facilitate the collection process.
6. Keep all yard waste materials away from all utility poles, telephone service pedestals, water shut-off valves, fire hydrants, etc.
7. **No more than one pick-up load** of materials shall be set out for collection at any one address for each collection.
8. Whole Christmas trees will be collected in January.
9. Trees cut or trimmed by contractors shall not be eligible for collection.
10. The public works department has the right to refuse pick-up of any yard waste not properly placed along the road edge or unbagged until such time as the materials are placed properly along road edge or properly bagged.
11. **Fall leaf collection shall begin in October and the schedule will be determined by City Management. Once the schedule is determined it will be posted at City Hall, on the City of Reading website [www.reading.mi.us](http://www.reading.mi.us) and on WCSR 92.1 FM during the Reading Area Report.**

**Emergency storm situations will over-ride this schedule.**