

Hardly Yardley FAQs

Q: How does yard waste contaminate the good recyclables in the blue bin?

A: When yard waste mixes with recyclables, it cannot be mulched properly. When crews find yard waste in the blue bin, the bin's contents are no good and must be trashed.

Q: What are the various kinds of yard waste?

A: There are three categories:

- **small yard waste** - includes twigs and leaves
- **heavy brush** - includes tree and shrub limbs, trimmings greater than 3" in diameter (approximately the size of a baseball), tree trunks, and root balls (larger than a root, the root ball is the mass formed by the roots of a plant and the soil surrounding them)
- **grass clippings**

Q: What should be done with grass clippings?

A: Grass clippings should be left on the lawn for composting (this will minimize the use of fertilizer). Be careful to keep grass clippings and leaves out of streets and gutters. Residents who intentionally blow or sweep grass clippings into streets or gutters are subject to fines of up to \$2,000 per day.

Q: Is there such a thing as organic recycling?

A: Yes, when yard waste is composted, it is then "recycled" because the nutrients they contain are absorbed back into the soil.

Q: What is the correct way to dispose of yard waste?

A: Yard waste should be set out according to the brush and bulky pick-up schedule listed in the [Customer Guide 2018](#). Residents may request an unscheduled collection for a fee. Please call 826-CITY (2489) for more information. Yard waste can also be dropped off at the J.C. Elliott Collection Center, Hwy 286 at Ayers Street, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Yard waste is mulched and is available to the public for free year-round during the Center's regular business hours.

