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## Spring Yard Waste Collection begins week of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (Feb. 28, 2020) – On April 6, 2020, the Department of Public Works will commence its Spring Yard Waste Collection. Yard waste collection follows the same schedule as bi-weekly residential recycling.

Residents must put their yard waste out by 6:00 AM on their recycling day.

### Yard Waste is defined as:

- Leaves, pine needles, pine cones, acorns, twigs, dead plant matter and thatch

### Acceptable Yard Waste presentation:

- 30-gallon biodegradable brown bags
- Bundled branches and brush up to 4 inches in diameter and up to 4 feet in length accepted **ONLY** if bundled with organic twine
- Brown Barrels (95-gallon barrels available for purchase - see details below)

### Not Acceptable:

- Bundles tied with wire, nylon or plastic (these items harm grinding equipment)
- Yard waste bags contaminated with rocks, soil, grass clippings
- Bags and bundled material **LONGER** than 4 feet
- Bags and bundled material weighing **MORE** than 40 pounds

### Brown Barrels can be purchased for \$73.12 in three ways:

1. Call DPW at 860-561-8100 and order over the phone
2. By credit card on-line 24-hours/day on the **Public Works** page of The Town of West Hartford's website: "Order a Yard Waste Brown Barrel" link
3. In person at the Public Works Facility during business hours:
  - a. Monday-Friday 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
  - b. Cash and check accepted in person

**Separating Yard Waste** from the green trash barrels greatly reduces the volume of trash sent to regional trash facilities and reduces the amount of methane gas released into the atmosphere. It's a great way for West Hartford residents to contribute to West Hartford's environmental sustainability efforts.

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