

West Donegal Township

Yard Maintenance



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What IS Yard Waste?

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Garden Residue
- Branches from
 - Trees
 - Shrubs
 - Less than 6" in diameter

What to do with Yard Waste?

Yard waste is collected by West Donegal Township from Mid-April thru Early December. Leaves, grass clippings, garden residue, and branches must be placed in Kraft Bags and will be collected the same day as your scheduled trash day.



Woody branches must be less than 6" in Diameter and wrapped in non-plastic twine in bundles less than 4' long and less than 30 lbs.

Is it an Issue for the Water Supply?

Short answer; Yes!

In natural systems, leaf debris is beneficial to the stream system providing nitrogen and other nutrients to the stream ecosystem, as well as helping

sustain various macroinvertebrates.

However, grass clippings and leaf debris that are improperly disposed of in stream channels and ditches/swales leach excess amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus into the waterways. Nitrogen contamination results in algal blooms like those shown below, which proliferates dead zones.



What NOT to do with Yard Waste

- Dump it in a swale or stream
- Blow it into the roadway
- Dump it in a basin



What TO do with Yard Waste

- Use Township resources for recycling yard waste
- Compost it
- Re-use on your own yard
 - Use a mulching mower
 - Compost and reuse

Questions? Call the Township!
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