



City of Yakima

News Release

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2015 Yard Waste Pick Up Service To Begin

It is that time of year again when the City of Yakima Refuse Division resumes weekly collection of yard waste. The service will start next week and continue until the end of November.

More than a quarter of Yakima's 25,000 refuse customers voluntarily subscribe to the yard waste pick up service, which costs \$2.96 a week for a 96-gallon container. In 2014, the program diverted nearly 3,500 tons of yard waste from the county landfill by turning the yard waste into composting material.

Yard waste customers will soon be receiving post cards reminding them about the program and when containers should be put out for pick up in their neighborhoods.

"To make the program work, certain types of items should never go into the yard waste containers," said Yakima Solid Waste and Recycling Manager Loretta Zammarchi.

"Unacceptable items include garbage, plastic bags, food scraps, animal waste, ashes, sod, building materials, tree trunks and large branches. We also have a 150-pound weight limit to prevent damage to our equipment," added Zammarchi.

Additional information on the yard waste program is available by calling the City of Yakima Refuse Division at 575-6005 and on the City of Yakima's website www.yakimawa.gov.