



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS 2023 Leaf and Brush Pickup Schedule and Guidelines



The leaf and brush program for the City of Douglas is intended provide a disposal source for leaf and brush generated on private property. The City will pick up leaves and brush on all City streets beginning the first Tuesday in April according to the schedule below. Should large windstorms or ice events occur, additional brush pickup may follow the event.

What is accepted in the leaf and brush program?

Fallen leaves and brush that is no larger than 6 feet long and 6 inches in diameter.

When can leaves and/or brush be placed?

Leaves and brush may not be placed out sooner than the weekend (3 days) before a scheduled pickup day. Fall leaf pickup will begin in October. Due to the large workload associated with fall leaf pickup, City crews may not reach your property on the exact date of your scheduled pickup due to the large volume of leaf drop, however, please be sure to place your leaves out before your scheduled pickup date to ensure your leaves are removed. Leaves placed out after your scheduled pickup date and after City crews have serviced your street may not be collected and will become the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of. Due to weather and leaf fall variables, pickup days may be extended.

Where should I place my leaves and brush?

DO NOT stack leaves or brush in the road, on sidewalks, or near storm drains. All leaves and brush should be placed neatly behind the curb or edge of lawn on your own property and out of the paved portion of the street, however, it must be reachable by the City leaf truck. Except as permitted by the City's leaf and brush pick up program, it shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any refuse upon or into any street, right-of-way, alley, or waterway (Ordinance 54.05, Unauthorized Dumping and Littering).

How shall I place my leaves and brush on my property?

Leaves shall be un-bagged (paper yard waste bags accepted) and must be separated from brush piles. Brush must be stacked neatly in the same direction and must not exceed a pile size of 8 feet in length by 6 feet in width and 4 feet in height.



Do not stack near fences, landscaping, or parked vehicles.



Do not stack perpendicular to the roadside.



Do not exceed pile size requirements.

What is not allowed?

The leaf and brush program is not a means for removal of material from lot clearing operations, tree removal (including stumps), large landscape projects, landscape timber, railroad ties, grass clippings, or commercial landscapers. Tree limbs larger than 6 inches in diameter or greater than 6 feet in length, pet waste, bricks, lumber, fence debris, or construction materials will not be picked up. If piles are not in compliance with the City of Douglas' leaf and brush program, a door hanger may be placed indicating what was found and corrective action by the Department of Public Works crew. You are urged to compost grass clippings or mow clippings into your lawn. No person shall start or maintain any fire intended to dispose of leaves, brush, or other natural refuse (Ordinance 90.12, Prohibited Fires).



When is the scheduled pick up?

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EAST of Blue Star</u>	<u>WEST of Blue Star</u>	<u>Materials</u>
April	Tuesday, 4 th	Tuesday, 11 th	Leaves & Brush
	Tuesday, 18 th	Tuesday, 25 th	
May	Tuesday, 2 nd	Tuesday, 9 th	Leaves & Brush
	Tuesday, 16 th	Tuesday, 23 rd	
June	Tuesday, 6 th	Tuesday, 13 th	Brush Only
	Tuesday, 20 th	Tuesday, 27 th	
July	Wednesday, 5 th *	Tuesday, 11 th	Brush Only
	Tuesday, 18 th	Tuesday, 25 th	
August	Tuesday, 1 st	Tuesday, 8 th	Brush Only
	Tuesday, 15 th	Tuesday, 22 nd	
September	Tuesday, 5 th	Tuesday, 12 th	Brush Only
	Tuesday, 19 th	Tuesday, 26 th	
October	Tuesday, 3 rd	Tuesday, 10 th	Leaves Only
	Tuesday, 17 th	Tuesday, 24 th	
November	Tuesday, 7 th	Tuesday, 14 th	Leaves Only

* Due to the holiday, pickup will be on Wednesday this week

Is there a weekly leaf and brush pick up option with trash collection?

The City is currently contracting with Republic Services of Jenison for refuse and recycling collection and disposal services. As part of the agreement, Republic offers a 96-gallon container plus 3 biodegradable paper bags as a seasonal option (April 1-November 30) with the weekly refuse pick up. Please call 877-698-7274 for further information and cost.

What about my live cut Christmas Tree?

The Department of Public Works does not pick up Christmas Trees curbside but does offer an alternative. During the month of January Douglas residents may drop off their live cut Christmas Tree at Schultz Park across from the dog park. Please remove all lights, ornaments, decorations, and the tree stand.

