



CITY OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From the Department of Public Works

March 10, 2026

City of Watertown Department of Public Works will begin the seasonal collection of brush and green waste from City residential homes on Monday April 6th and continue through November as weather permits.

Items must be prepared in accordance with guidelines and placed in the median between the sidewalk and curb by 7 am on the day of collection.

Collection will be the business day before refuse and recycling pick-up.

e.g. Monday Refuse pick up will have their Brush and Yard waste picked up on the Friday before.

Tuesday Refuse Pick up will have their Brush and Yard waste picked up on Monday.

Copies of the guidelines and schedule can be obtained by:

- Website: [Seasonal Brush and Green Waste](#), [Refuse Pickup Schedule](#)
- Email: publicworks@watertonw-ny.gov

Please contact the Department of Public Works at 315-785-7842 with any questions.

Seasonal Guidelines

Yard Waste & Brush Collection

This collection is daily. Keep Yard and Brush waste **SEPARATED!**

This program is to assist in yard maintenance and is not intended for land clearing, tree/ hedge removal by private contractor. Private contractors must take yard and brush clippings.



Brush Regulations

- Brush must be placed in bundles having a max diameter of 18” and no longer than 5 feet in length
- Each individual branch cannot exceed 4” diameter, place smaller twigs and branches in a trash can (not to exceed 32 gallons)

Yard Waste Regulations

- Leaves and grass clippings must be in PAPER BAGS or hard sided container
- Bags should not exceed more than 40 lbs., be split or broken open
- No bags with anything other than leaves or grass clippings

All collections are subject to rejection based on these criteria

Seasonal Blue Bulk Waste Sticker Pick up

The blue sticker program allows you to participate with the city bulk collection on an “as needed, pay as you throw” basis. The proper stickers are blue and have “CITY OF WATERTOWN” inscribed on them. Each sticker covers the collection and removal disposal costs for bulk waste as listed under the pricing list. These blue bulk stickers can be purchased at participating vendors.

Visit our website for upcoming service dates and acceptable items and pricing list. All prices are estimates, final costs will be determined by size and weight of object. A site visit to assist in calculating final costs may be needed prior to collection. All pickups must be scheduled ahead of time with DPW (315) 785-7842.

Do you still need to get rid of Bulk Items?

The Jefferson County’s Recycling Center & Transfer Station is located at 27138 NYS Rt 12 Watertown NY 13601 Additional information can be found at: <https://co.jefferson.ny.us/departments/RecyclingWasteManagement/transfer-station-guidelines>

