



Town of Digby

Administrative Policy # 2013-01

Residential Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Policy

1. The current practice of complementary any-time collection of residential leaf & yard waste will be discontinued as of March 31, 2013.
2. **Definition:** “Leaf and yard waste”: Organic matter to be disposed of which originated in the normal maintenance of a residential yard including, but not limited to: leaves, lawn cuttings, tree or brush limbs and branches, hedge or other shrubbery pruning waste, etc. **NOTE: Leaf and yard waste, for the purposes of this policy, does not include organic yard waste generated from full or partial lot clearing or other major landscaping projects as this would not be considered waste generated from “normal maintenance”.**
3. On the effective date of this Policy residential leaf and yard waste will be collected by the Town’s Compostable/Organics Waste Contractor on the organics collection days as laid out in the collection schedule in the manner and quantities as per the Solid Waste By-law. The relevant provisions of the Solid Waste By-Law prescribe:

5.4.2 Containers for Compostable Organics shall be:

- (a) Carts as designated and assigned to properties by the Authority containing a load weight of no more than 100 kg. [Leaf and yard waste may also be placed in carts]

(b) Bundles of brush securely tied and weighing no more than 15 kg with no one individual piece of material greater than 5 cm in diameter or longer than 1.2 m.

4. In addition to the regularly scheduled organics collection as noted in section (3), the Town's Public Works Department will collect leaf and yard waste in excess of those amounts which were placed curbside on the scheduled organics collection days. This collection will be done on the next business day following the scheduled organics collection days, and only those items which meet the conditions as outlined in this policy sections (5) to (8) will be collected.
5. All accumulated leaf waste, not placed directly in green-carts, shall be placed in clear leaf & yard waste collection bags.
6. **Brush, Limbs and Tree Trunks**
 - a) Brush and small limbs to be bundled and tied as per Solid Waste By-law provisions.
 - b) Large limbs / trunks not to exceed 3" [8cm] in diameter and 10 feet [3 meters] in length, with no individual piece to exceed 50 lbs. [22 kgs.], including Christmas trees which may also be placed at curbside during normal organics collection days and must be cleared of all decorations including tinsel.
 - c) Piles of Brush and Small Limbs placed for collection shall not exceed 4' [1.22 meters] wide 2' feet [.61 meters] high and 10 feet [3 meters] in length.
7. Only leaf and yard waste generated from a residential property shall be collected at that property. Leaf and yard waste originating at one property shall not be placed at another property in Town for collection.
8. Yard waste generated by contracted third parties or commercial tree removal services will not be collected by the town. It is the property owner's responsibility to see that leaf and yard waste generated in this manner is disposed of in the appropriate manner.

Clerk's Annotation for Official Policy Book

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Date of adoption: 04 February 2013

Policy effective date: 01 April 2013

I certify that this **Residential Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Policy** was adopted by Council as indicated above.

Edwin J. Ossinger

February 5, 2013

Clerk

Date

Amendments

Policy Amended by Council – July 4, 2017 - Amendments indicated in **RED**

Edwin J. Ossinger

July 5, 2017

Clerk

Date