

YARD WASTE

Curbside Collection

Brush - Refuse & Recycling crews will take 2 bundles of brush each week along with regular curbside collection. Tie into easy-to-handle bundles no longer than 4 feet in length.

Tree Trimmings, Twigs, Weeds, Pinecones, Pine Needles - 1 trash bag per week will be collected along with regular curbside collection.



Grass Clippings

Under the State Public Act #98-99 (effective January 1, 1999) the Vernon Public Works Department **cannot collect bagged grass clippings** with the weekly refuse collection. Grass clippings will no longer be accepted at any resource recovery facility or solid waste facility in Connecticut.

The Department of Environmental Protection suggests that residents recycle or **compost** their grass clippings. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn reduces watering, thatching, and applying fertilizers. **Composting** is layering various vegetative wastes, including the grass clippings, kitchen scraps and other yard trimmings in home compost bins to produce mulch, which can be used in gardens and around shrubs.

Leaf Bins

Bins are for leaves only. No grass clippings or brush are allowed. Contamination caused by disposal of any other type of yard waste or debris will result in leaf bin being shut down. Please remove the container used to transport leaves. Plastic bags can be left in the trash barrel provided. Lawn-sized paper bags are recyclable and do not need to be emptied.

Leaf bins are normally opened in mid-October at the following locations:

- 1) **Legion Field** - off Regan Road at rear of parking lot
- 2) **Church Street**
- 3) **Nye Street Firehouse** - 25 Nye Street - (Nye Street is off of West St)

The Legion Field & Church Street leaf bins are closed around mid-December and the Nye Street Firehouse bin remains open until mid-May for spring cleanup.

Transfer Station

Brush - The Transfer Station will accept brush up to 6" in diameter and less than 6' in length. A permit and punchcard are required.

Mulch - This is available to Vernon residents (proof of residency required) free of charge. A permit and punchcard are not required. The Public Works Department will deliver 4 cubic yards of mulch (if available) for \$60. Please call the office at 860-870-3500 for more information.

