

# City of Sparta

## Yard Waste Program

### **Yard Waste**

The City will pick up bagged grass clippings and leaves that are placed in large biodegradable bags (No Plastic Bags). Or if loose the grass clippings and leaves must be placed in a neat row between the curb and sidewalk. NOT in the street. Residents should call 443-2917 to be placed on the pick up list.

### **Grass Clippings**

It is illegal to place grass clippings in the road and on sidewalks. The ordinance and State Law will be enforced.

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### **Tree Limbs, sticks and shrubbery**

The City will pick up limbs that are a maximum of 6ft in length and no larger than 3 inches in diameter. Limbs, sticks and shrubbery must be separated and placed in manageable piles between the curb and sidewalk. NOT in the street. Piles should be no higher than 3 feet tall and placed parallel to the street. Residents should call 443-2917 to be placed on the pick up list. *The City will not pick up limbs cut by a hired contractor.*

If a resident abuses the service or the guidelines are not followed, this service will discontinue for that resident. It is at the discretion of the employee to refuse pickup.

### **Burning**

The City of Sparta allows residents to burn yard waste.

It shall be unlawful to build or light any bonfire close to any building or other structure, as to endanger the building or structure, or on any public street, sidewalk or pavement. Open burning shall be permitted, except as provided by state law and regulations. No open fire outside a building shall be started or permitted to burn after sunset or before sunrise of any day.

A yard waste dumpsite for city residents is located at the north city lake located on Mound Street. Only yard waste is accepted. All waste must be emptied from its bags or containers. The site is open daily during daylight hours.