

**CHAPTER 5.25
YARD WASTE SEPARATION**

without a permit. This composting shall not create a nuisance. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

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5.25.010 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a policy requiring the separation of yard wastes from all other garbage and refuse and provide for the composting of yard wastes on the same premises where it originated. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

5.25.020 **DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms and words are hereby defined. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

.01 **YARD WASTES:** Debris such as grass clippings, lawn rakings, leaves, hedge trimmings, garden waste, bark, flowers, brush, trees, tree trimmings, and all other similar organic waste free of any other debris and which is generated as a result of yard and garden development and maintenance. Yard waste does not include tree stumps. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

.02 **YARD WASTE CONTAINER:** A container, which includes degradable plastic bags, kraft bags, containers, etc., required by the collection service providing yard waste disposal services and/or the composting station. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

.03 **COMPOST:** Organic matter resulting from the biological decomposition of waste which can be used as a soil conditioner or soil amendment. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

5.25.030 **SEPARATION OF YARD WASTES REQUIRED:** All yard wastes shall be separated by the owner or occupant from all other garbage and refuse generated on the premises. Such separated yard waste may be composted, as provided in Section 5.25.060, or shall be placed in yard waste container(s) for collection and/or final disposal at a permitted sanitary landfill for composting or at another approved composting and/or disposal facility. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

All commercial and non-commercial solid waste vehicles shall deliver yard waste separately or in such manner that yard waste is clearly separable from any other solid waste materials and free from debris or contamination. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

5.25.040 **COLLECTION CONTAINERS:** Yard waste collection containers shall be clearly marked with a legible letter "Y" or the words "Yard Waste" legibly painted or otherwise imprinted or affixed on the outside of the container. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

5.25.050 **STORAGE OF TREE AND BRUSH LIMBS:** Tree and brush limbs measuring less than four (4) inches in diameter together with brush being stored for pickup, shall be securely tied in bundles not larger than forty-eight (48) inches long and eighteen (18) inches in diameter when being stored other than in storage containers. The weight of any individual bundle shall not exceed sixty (60) pounds. (*Ordinance #91-1/March 29, 1991*)

5.25.060 **COMPOSTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:** Residents may compost yard waste originating on their property