

## City of Tupelo - Public Works

# Brush Policy

The City of Tupelo - Public Works Department is responsible for the Brush and Large Debris Removal Program. The Public Works Department follows the guidelines put in place by the City Council and the Department of Environmental Quality. The Brush Routes are divided into 28 routes and serviced by 4 knuckleboom trucks and 3 shuttle trucks. The Sanitation Division services all city-maintained streets on a routing system each month.

How does the Brush / Large Debris Removal Program work?

- We work on a 28 route system that services all city-maintained streets monthly
- We do not schedule or take call-ins for pick-ups or have a public dumpsite
- We post our daily routes the prior week (normally on the Friday before) to our Facebook Page -

<https://www.facebook.com/tupelopublicworks>

What are some factors that need to be taken in to account when planning for your brush route to be serviced?

- Busy Season - April through September - average 4 weeks between route servicing
- Inclement weather or Natural disasters
- Holiday Schedules
- Employee Staffing and Availability
- Vehicle Maintenance

How do I ensure that my brush / debris pile can be safely removed?

- Do not block the traffic flow or visibility of the right of way
- Do not place on or near a storm drain, fire plug or water meter
- Use multiple small piles or one long pile
- Do not place under low utility lines or trees with low limbs
- Do not block a driveway or sidewalk
- Do not mix brush or large debris items together in the same pile
- Do not mix household garbage in with brush or large debris items
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\*\*If your pile is very small and can be picked up by hand, please place in your garbage bin.

\*\*It is the citizen's responsibility to place their brush and large debris in the proper area to avoid any type of hazard, property damage, visibility blockage or a potential accident.

What are some of the items that we will **NOT** pick up?

- Paint cans or Hazardous Waste items or chemicals
- Dead animals
- Bagged or Boxed items
- Bagged or loose leaves or pine needles

- Household garbage
- Shingles
- Batteries
- Items with or have separate - Gas / electric motors
- Lawn equipment
- Rocks, bricks or concrete
- Scrap building materials from house demolition, fire destruction or remodeling
- Any item that contains glass or mirrors
- Plastic/Metal - bottles, buckets or containers
- Tires

What are some the large trash items we will pick up?

- Furniture - couches, tables, chairs
- Mattresses
- Old Fencing
- BBQ grills - no gas bottle attached

What areas or types of properties do we **NOT** pick up from?

- Commercial buildings or properties
- Apartment Complexes
- Vacant Lots
- New Building Sites - Residential or Commercial
- Contractors - Remodeling projects or new construction
- Professional Tree or Lawn Services - Residential and Commercial

Waste Management is a private company contracted by the City of Tupelo to provide the following services -

- Pick up of bagged leaves that are placed in bags no larger than lawn leaf bags and must be placed on the curb next to the household garbage bin assigned to that residence by Waste Management
- Pick up of debris that can be placed in a bag no larger than a lawn leaf bag or small box and placed on the curb next to the household garbage bin assigned to that residence by Waste Management

\*\*Please note that Waste Management will schedule and track your pick up request for removal of bagged leaves and bagged/boxed debris items. To schedule this pick-up, please call their office at (662) 844-5523.

Local Private Landfills -

- T.M.C.O. - Birmingham Ridge Road (662) 869-2151
- Lee County Solid Waste - Skyline Community - (662) 844-2003

Hazardous chemicals and Paint -

- Three Rivers Solid Waste Management Authority (662) 489-2415

Recycling -

- Waste Management (662) 844-5523

Dead Animals -

- Small Animals - Domestic - Contact the Police Department (662) 871-1963 Ken Hawes - Animal Control Officer  
\*\*They will not remove items that are not of domestic nature.
- Large Animals such as deer, horses, cows that require use of heavy equipment removal that is obstructing a city street -  
Public Works (662) 841-6457