

## Village of Lake Odessa

### Brush & Yard Waste Policy / Collection Schedule for 2024

The following is only a portion of the Village's Brush and Yard Waste Policy, a complete copy of the policy can be obtained at the Page Memorial Building or on the Village web site, [www.lakeodessa.org](http://www.lakeodessa.org)

**Brush/Yard waste is to be placed curbside on designated dates no later than 7:00 a.m.**

**AT NO TIME SHOULD BRUSH, BAGS, LEAVES OR YARD WASTE BE PLACED IN THE STREETS OR GUTTER PANS**

**YARD WASTE MUST BE PLACED IN BIODEGRADABLE PAPER LAWN BAGS**

**DPW CREWS WILL NOT PICK UP ANY BRUSH, LEAVES OR YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC OR ANY OTHER CONTAINER THAT IS NOT CLEARLY MARKED AS BIO DEGRADABLE**

**Curbside:** Is defined as an area that is at the edge of the street or back of curb so that brush, leaves, or yard waste does not encounter the street or sidewalk.

**Yard Waste:** Is defined as leaves, lawn clippings, flowers, plants, and small twigs/limbs broken down to fit into Bio bags. To ensure the safety of our workers, loaded compostable bags shall weigh no more than 50 pounds each. No other materials are allowed in the bags, for instance: soil, stones, animal waste, concrete, trash, etc.

**Compostable yard waste bags will be collected each MONDAY during the months of April through December.**

**Falling Leaves:** When leaves fall in mass quantities, (after the full color change) residents are allowed to rake only leaves curbside, after notification on the website at [www.lakeodessa.org](http://www.lakeodessa.org). The DPW crew will then vacuum them. PLEASE, do not mix other debris with the leaves as it plugs the machine, and may damage it. All other yard waste must still be bagged. **The last day for leaf removal by vacuum is November 27<sup>th</sup>. Do not rake leaves to the curb after 7:00 a.m. November 27<sup>th</sup>.** Leaves must be bagged after this time and date. Rake early and often, as snowfall may cause leaf collection to end early. Loose leaves will not be collected by vacuum after November 27<sup>th</sup>, or in the spring.

**Brush:** Is defined as tree branches, limbs, or shrubs with no roots or stumps attached. Brush is to be no more than 8 feet in length, no larger than 6 inches in diameter, and shall be stacked with all the butt ends facing the same direction. Please do not pile brush behind street signs, fire hydrants, mail boxes, etc. Brush must also be free of any metal objects or debris. Lumber, split rail fencing, and other types of landscape or building materials will not be collected.

**Thorns:** For our workers safety we ask that any type of brush/yard waste with thorns be bundled and tied, or placed into bio bags, and placed in a separate area from other brush.

Brush generated by a contractor shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor to remove.

Small stumps and root systems can be disposed of by calling (616) 374-7228 to schedule collection.

Brush needs to be curbside by 7:00 a.m. on collection dates and no more than a week in advance.

### 2024 Brush Collection Schedule

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Brush will not be collected after the final removal date of October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Christmas trees will be collected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January.**

Any questions concerning this policy or collection schedule, please call the Public Works at (616) 374-7228.