



# Town of Amherst

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## -YARD WASTE FAQs-

### Q. "When does yard waste collection start & end?"

A. Curbside yard-waste collection begins each year on April 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through to November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Amherst Highway Department can pick-up unmanageable brush by appointment only, year-round. Call 716-631-7117 to schedule a pick-up.

### Q. "I have some soil and sod that I took out, can I put that out for collection?"

A. No, the Krantz Compost facility does not accept sod, dirt, or soil with curbside yardwaste. You can however, bring it directly to 560 Smith Road (call 689-1280 for hours) and drop it off in their soil area. This also includes any large root balls with soil on them.

### Q. "Ok, what about cut grass?"

A. Grass clippings are allowed, place them in paper lawn and leaf bags available at most retailers in WNY. Grass in personal garbage cans is also ok as long as the weight is no more than 50 lbs.

### Q. "I have a few branches that I trimmed, can I put those out?"

A. Of course! We just ask that any small amounts of branches be cut no longer than 4' and be tied with biodegradable string or twine (no wire or tape) and be kept under 50 lbs. For larger jobs such as entire trees or multiple shrubs or bushes, call the Highway Department to schedule a large brush pick-up at 631-7117.

### Q. "I have some railroad ties; can those be picked up with garbage or yard-waste?"

A. Real railroad ties are coated with creosote and tar to help stop decomposition when used on rail lines. We are no longer allowed to accept those items due to their potential toxicity. Please contact hazardous material disposal for instructions on how to proceed, 716-998-8073.

### Q. "I have some landscaping stone or pavers, can I put those out too?"

A. Unfortunately those items cannot be picked up with yardwaste OR trash pick-up. Pavers and small amounts of stone may be brought to the Highway Department, call 631-7117 for more info.