



City of Houston  
**Solid Waste Management Department**  
**Tree Waste / Junk Waste Collection**  
**Standard Operating Rules and Regulations**



The City of Houston collects Tree Waste and Junk Waste at the curb in alternating months. In **ODD** numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, November) Tree Waste will only be collected. In **EVEN** numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, December) Junk Waste is collected.

By collecting these items separately, the City is able to recycle the Tree Waste into mulch, saving money and improving the environment. **Both Tree and Junk waste set out is limited to a maximum of eight (8) cubic yards per collection day.**

**Tree Waste / Junk Waste Collection**

**SET OUT REQUIREMENTS**

- Items must be placed at curb between 6:00 p.m. the Friday before and 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.
- Items must be placed nearby by front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle.
- Materials must not be stacked under low overhead wires trees, signs, or mailboxes; next to fences or posts; or on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants, or other exposed utility components.
- Materials must not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or other right-of-way, or in any manner that would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Collection is limited to occupied residential units and vacant residential lots only if the waste generated is in connection with the maintenance of the property completed by the resident. No contractor generated material will be collected.

**Tree/Junk Waste Schedule**

January	Tree Waste Only
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste Only
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste Only
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste Only
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste Only
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste Only
December	Junk Waste

**TREE WASTE**

**Yes! Accepted:**

- Tree limbs
- Branches
- Stumps

**No! Not Accepted:**

- Lumber
- Furniture
- Treated wood

**JUNK WASTE**

**Yes! Accepted:**

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Bulky material

**No! Not Accepted:**

- Roofing shingles
- Brick
- Plaster
- Concrete

NOTE: Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying a licensed HVAC technician has removed the refrigerant.

**RESTRICTIONS**

- No more than eight (8) cubic yards (about the two (2) pickup trucks). If over eight (8) cubic yards, materials will not be collected.
- A maximum of four (4) cubic yards of the eight (8) total cubic yards may be of building material generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the residential property. *Excludes roofing shingles, brick, plaster and concrete.*
- Tree and Junk Waste generated by contractors doing work on a residential property will not be collected by the City. It is a contractor's responsibility to remove all debris and waste from their activities. These contractor-related activities include, but are not limited to: trimming and removal of trees, remodeling, new construction and roofing.
- If authorized items are mixed with unauthorized items, the material will not be sorted and will not be collected.

NOTE: Tree & Junk waste are also accepted at the Department's Neighborhood Depository and Recycling Centers. Roofing shingles, brick, plaster and concrete are accepted at the Neighborhood Depository and Reuse Warehouse. For more information please visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org).