

CITY BRANCH, AND LEAF REMOVAL PROCEDURES

The Public Works branch and leaf pickup system was implemented to help residents with their own minor branch removal/storm cleanup needs. Public Works Superintendent, Jason Hilgers, picks up branches at different times seasonally, and announcements are made in the Beachcomber newsletter on the weekly SPLASH! eblast the City sends out on Thursdays to eblast subscribers. (Sign up on the City's website under the CONNECT tab.)

If you hire a lawn or City-licensed tree service for lawn maintenance, tree and branch trimming/removal, **they must haul all branches, tree trunks and debris away.** The City's chipper **can ONLY accommodate branch diameter of 1" minimum to 6" maximum.** Branches/logs larger than 6" will not be picked up, and trees 6" or greater must follow an approval and permitting process for removal, per the terms of the City's Tree Preservation and Removal Ordinance. Any yard waste smaller than an inch will clog the chipper and will be left as well. Residents can subscribe to the Republic Services Yard Waste Cart program which is picked up every Friday on trash day spring through fall. Call 952-471-5174 to sign up - \$103.50 for the entire season and you do not have to call to schedule pickups. Republic also offers an ala cart bag pickup program.

Leaves are picked up curbside by the City for a short time during spring and longer duration in fall. The leaf piles **MUST** be only leaves – no yard waste, branches or other debris can be in the leaf piles. Watch the weekly SPLASH! eblasts and Beachcomber for pickup date details.



Yard waste is old plants/weeds, root balls and other landscape waste that cannot be picked up by the City and chipped as branches are. Do not place these types of vegetation curbside.



This branch is too large for the City's chipper and must be disposed of by the homeowner.