

## Village of Bergen Brush Policy

To help ensure that we can continue to efficiently and effectively provide this service to Village of Bergen residents, the following regulations have been established.

### Regulations for the Brush Collection Program

1. Brush pickup is for residents who have performed tree or brush work on their property only. Collected brush is chipped bi-annually and paid for with property taxes.
2. Brush pickup will take place every Monday from April 6<sup>th</sup> to November 23rd. If Monday is a holiday, pickup will be Tuesday. Additional pickups may be scheduled as the Village deems necessary.
3. Commercial contractors working for homeowners are NOT allowed to use this service. If evidence exists or contractors are seen by our Village workers placing tree or brush debris at the curb, the Village will charge the resident for removal of the tree/brush debris. Removal of branches or trees trimmed or removed by a contractor are the contractor's responsibility.
4. Brush must be stacked neatly by the Sunday evening of brush pick-up week between the sidewalk and street according to the following:
  - Must be stacked neatly in one direction away from trees, signs, mailboxes, power lines, poles, and hydrants.
  - Must be piled no more than **4-feet high**
  - Pieces must be no longer than **6-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter**
  - Must be **parallel** to the curb
  - Must not be blocking the sidewalk, must not be obstructing motorist visibility
  - Must be free of all wire, tape, rope, or other materials such as metal objects, concrete/stone chunks, lumber, plywood, or construction debris, etc. Piles that are not neatly stacked or contain any of these items will not be picked up.
  - Must be free of root balls and dirt, stumps cannot be picked up.
5. General yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc.) in **paper bags only, weighing up to 50 pounds** will be picked up during brush pickup. Please **DO NOT** rake leaves into the street. This causes a significant safety hazard.
6. Crews will begin Monday morning and will make only one pass through each neighborhood. Brush placed after Village crews have passed may not be collected.
7. A maximum of one truckload of brush will be removed from a residence per collection. If you require additional brush removal, additional pickup fees will be assessed.
8. If your brush pile is not picked up, a tag will be left behind explaining the reason it wasn't collected.
9. Brush is no longer taken to the Waste Water Treatment Plant by the Village workers; therefore there is no self-service drop off for residents either. Please place your items at the curb as detailed above.

