



October 2, 2023

Subject: Information for landscape and tree care companies serving customers in the City of Davis

Hello,

This letter is being sent to all landscape and tree care companies in and around Davis as a reminder about yard material collection services and leaf blowing in Davis, efficient water use for irrigation, best practices with integrated pest management and policies regarding work on City-owned trees in Davis.

Yard Material Collection Service in Davis

The City's yard material pile collection schedule provides a Fall/Winter collection with 10 on-street yard material pile pick-ups that occur every other week beginning mid-October and a single spring collection that occurs in May. Yard materials are collected weekly in the organics carts that are provided to all Davis customers.

Fall/winter on-street collection of yard material piles resumes the week of October 16, 2023. Piles may only be set out a maximum of 7 days before a scheduled pick-up. The collection schedule is enclosed along with the City's yard material pile regulations. The City actively enforces these regulations.

Please note that per the statewide organic waste regulations under SB 1383, yard materials cannot not be placed in the trash or landfilled and must be taken to a composting facility. The Yolo County Central Landfill has a composting facility onsite, so loads of yard materials that are separated from trash can be taken there for composting (fees apply).

For more information on yard material collection service, please visit DavisRecycling.org.

As a reminder, using a leaf blower to gather leaves is allowed, but blowing leaves into the street is not allowed. Leaves blown into the street often get blown back onto the sidewalk by vehicles passing by or they end up blocking stormdrains, which can cause localized flooding when it rains. Help keep the streets clean by not blowing leaves into the street.

Water Use Reminders

The City of Davis requires all business and residential water users to follow certain water-use restrictions:

- No watering of outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes more than incidental runoff such as minimal overspray from sprinklers that escapes the area of intended use.
- No landscape watering between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except with a hand-held container or hose with a shut-off nozzle, or for very short periods when adjusting a sprinkler system. Low volume irrigation systems (such as drip irrigation, soaker hoses and micro-irrigation) are exempt from this restriction.
- No irrigation of turf and/or ornamental landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall of ¼ inch or more.
- Sprinkler/spray irrigation is currently restricted to a maximum of three days per week. The restrictions do not apply to drip irrigation or other low-volume irrigation systems. Information and updates on sprinkler irrigation restrictions can be found at SaveDavisWater.org.

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- There is a state-wide ban on irrigation of decorative or non-functional turf with potable water for commercial, industrial and institutional (non-residential) properties. This regulation applies to turf (mowed grass) that is ornamental and not otherwise used for recreation. It is important to note that the regulation does not restrict the watering of non-turf plantings or trees.

Please refer your clients to this letter or SaveDavisWater.org if they are not following the above requirements.

Integrated Pest Management

When choosing pest control products, choose types that are less toxic for people, pets, and the environment.

- Choose traps and exclusion options over chemical control
- If using baits, choose enclosed bait stations that offer the lowest exposure to pesticides.
- Do not use any second generation anti-coagulant poisons to avoid killing on-target animals.

For more information on choosing the least-toxic pest control products available, visit OurWaterOurWorld.org.

Check Before You Cut

Tree pruning and removal should be scheduled to occur outside of the bird breeding season (February 1 through August 31). If you must prune trees during the nesting season, always check before you cut. Check the tree from top to bottom, including the main trunk. Look for stick nests, holes in the trunk and bird activity. If you see a nest or cavity, wait to prune until after the breeding season. If you are uncertain as to whether or not something is a nest, wait to prune until after the breeding season. Bird nests are protected by law, it is illegal to remove, alter or interfere with an active bird nest. For more information or assistance, contact the City's Wildlife Resources Specialist, John McNerney at 530-757-5686 or JMcNerney@CityofDavis.org.

Policies Regarding Work on City-Owned Trees in Davis

Trees that are planted and/or maintained by the City that are adjacent to a street or within a city easement or right-of-way on private property are City trees. In parks or greenbelt areas, trees planted by the City of Davis or in conjunction with the City of Davis are also considered to be City trees.

The City of Davis has regulations to protect City trees (*Davis Municipal Code Chapter 37 - Tree Planting, Preservation and Protection*). The planting, pruning, removal, or any modification of these trees requires a permit and/or City review.

It is the responsibility of property owners and hired arborists to be aware of any applicable regulations before modifying any tree to ensure that it is not a City tree. Work on or removal of City trees without City approval can result in penalties.

To find out if a particular tree is a City tree, please contact the Urban Forestry Division at 530-757-5633 or CityTrees@CityofDavis.org.

Thank you,

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Seasonal On-Street Yard Material Pile Collection

October 2023 – December 2024

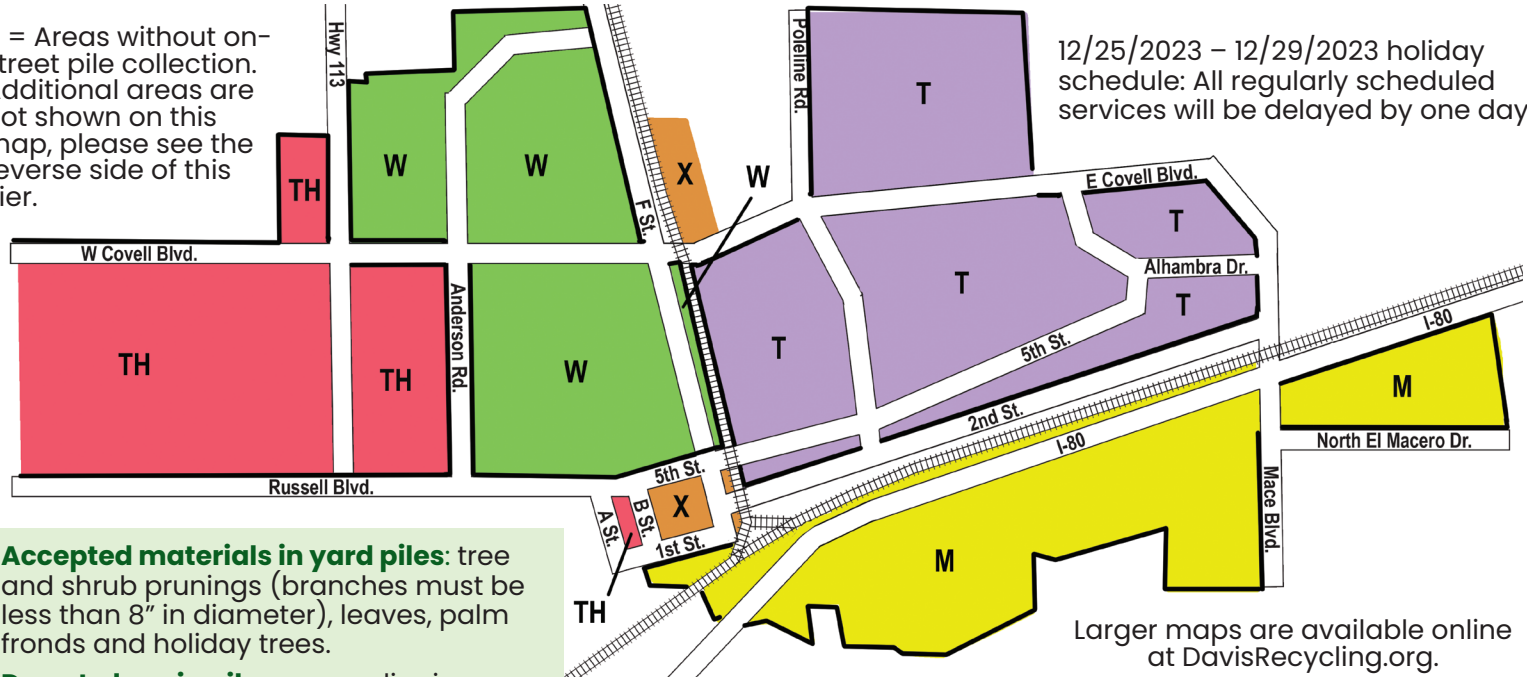
Yard materials should be placed in the organics cart, which is collected weekly. Excess yard materials that do not fit in the organics cart are picked up via on-street piles in most areas of Davis during certain times of the year. This seasonal collection of on-street yard piles includes 10 scheduled fall/winter dates and one date in the spring. See the map and calendar below for your neighborhood pick-up dates.

Yard material pile collection will occur only during the weeks highlighted below.

Fall/Winter Collection	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024
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Yard material piles may not be set out more than 7 days before a scheduled pick-up.

X = Areas without on-street pile collection. Additional areas are not shown on this map, please see the reverse side of this flier.



Accepted materials in yard piles: tree and shrub prunings (branches must be less than 8" in diameter), leaves, palm fronds and holiday trees.

Do not place in piles: grass clippings, weeds, vines, sod, soil, flowerpots, florist's wire, stumps, vegetables, fruit, pet waste, and branches more than 8" in diameter. See DavisRecycling.org for disposal options.

Sign up to receive neighborhood-specific email alerts for your collection day and add the pick-up schedule to your calendar. Scan the QR code with your smartphone, standard data rates apply.

Yard Material Pile Collection Rules

- Yard material piles may not be placed in any portion of a bike lane or traffic lane.
- Sweeping or blowing leaves or other yard debris into the street is not allowed unless the materials are placed in a yard material pile on the correct day.
- Yard material piles must be placed adjacent to the property they came from and may not be placed in front of a different property.
- Yard material piles cannot be larger than 5 feet in any direction and cannot block gutters, fire hydrants, driveways, stormdrain inlets or curb ramps for bikes and pedestrians.
- Yard materials must be loose (not in bags) and be placed 18" from the curb or gutter.
- Recology does not collect piles placed on terraces streets as those are private and not public streets.
- Yard material piles are not allowed on E 8th St. (from B St. to J St.), 5th St. (from A St. to L St.), B St. (from 7th St. to E 14th St.), Downtown Davis and the Cannery development. Properties in these areas do not pay for on-street yard material pile collection service (they receive a credit on their utility bill).
- Streets are swept monthly, see DavisRecycling.org for scheduled street sweeping dates.

Managing Yard Trimmings

Yard materials are collected weekly when placed in the organics carts. Additional options for managing excess trimmings are listed below.

“Leaf” it on Site

Instead of picking-up trimmings, you can “leaf” them be.

- **Mulch Mow** Mulching lawnmowers chop grass clippings so finely that they fall in-between the blades of grass in your lawn and quickly decompose, recycling nutrients into your yard. You can even mulch mow fallen leaves on the lawn. 
- **Leaf Mulch** Fallen leaves make an excellent and natural mulch for trees. When possible, let the leaves stay where they fall and allow them to decompose, recycling nutrients back to the trees, creating a natural block for weeds, enriching the soil and preserving soil structure and moisture.
- **Yard Trimmings as Mulch** Leaves, trimmings and lawn clippings make excellent mulch for bushes and small trees. Layer yard trimmings 4-6 inches thick under bushes and trees (keeping the mulch away from the tree trunk).

Use the Cart

All customers in Davis have access to an organics cart where they can put food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard materials. The organics cart is collected every week. Yard materials do not always nest well in the cart, so here are some tips on how to make the most out of the space in your organics cart.

- **Chop it** Chop materials up into pieces 18" or shorter before placing them in the organics cart.
- **Dry it** Yard materials can lose a lot of their mass as they dry, leaving more space in your organics cart. As materials dry you can stuff in more.
- **Multiply it** Customers can get additional organics carts (fees apply). To request additional organics carts, residents can contact the City of Davis Finance Department (530-757-5651) and businesses can contact Recology Davis (530-756-4646).



Backyard Composting

Start a backyard compost pile for your yard trimmings and create your own nutrient-rich compost! The City has many composting resources available on DavisRecycling.org, including videos and an online class! Davis residents in single-family homes can take the online composting class and receive a backyard composting bin for only \$10.



Share the Space

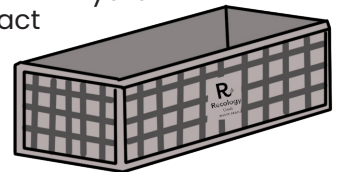
If you have a one-time excess amount of yard trimmings, you can ask your neighbor if you can place some of your extra trimmings in their organics cart.

Have it Hauled

Ask a business to remove the yard trimmings materials for you.



- **Recology Davis** Contact Recology Davis (530-756-4646) for details and pricing on a large drop box for yard debris—they drop off the box for you, then haul it away after you've filled it with yard trimmings. You can also contact Recology for a quote on an off-schedule pile pick-up. The quote will be based on the volume, size, and type of yard material.
- **Landscapers** Contact a landscaping company for a quote to haul away excess yard materials.
- **Tree Removal** Contact a tree removal company to chip and/or haul away larger trimmings.



Rethink Your Landscape

Consider modifying your landscape to include low maintenance plants that don't require a lot of pruning, cutting and trimming—saving you time and reducing the amount of yard trimmings you have to manage.