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Staff Report

Butler County issues yard waste pickup schedule and rules

Butler County officials are reminding local residents to check into their jurisdiction's policies regarding yard debris.

In the wake of Sunday's Sept. 14 windstorm, piles of cut up tree trunks, limbs and other yard waste are beginning to appear at the end of driveways — or worse yet, on public streets.

While Rumpke has said it would pick up yard waste in some portions of Butler County, they and county officials are urging residents to call their collection company and their city or township office.

Rumpke is also reporting that residents living in Hamilton, Fairfield and Oxford may experience a one-day service delay this week. Portions of Middletown may also be affected, according to the company's Web site.

If you qualify for yard waste pickup from Rumpke, the company says to bundle debris into four-foot sections, each weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Here's a breakdown of how debris removal is expected to work in Butler County, according to the Emergency Management Agency.

West Chester Twp.

A free drop-off point for tree limbs is at Beckett Park, 8630 Beckett Road. Follow signs at the park directing you to the drop off point. For more information, call (513)777-5900.

Liberty Twp.

Liberty Twp. officials are providing vouchers for residents to dispose of yard debris in Middletown. Vouchers may be picked up at the township administration building, 6400 Princeton Road. Call the township at (513) 759-7500 or visit the township's Web site, www.liberty-township.com for more information.

Fairfield

The city is initiating curbside pickup for tree limbs. Residents need to place limbs between the sidewalk and the roadway. Keep limbs as long as possible. For more information, call (513) 867-4200.

Fairfield Twp.

Place brush, no more than three inches in diameter each, three feet from the edge of the street. Larger brush may be dropped off at Shafer's Run Park, near the township's police

department located off Princeton Road. Call Rumpke at (800) 583-3107 to arrange a pickup. Fees may apply.

Hamilton

Limbs can be placed at the curb and the street crews will pick them up. Limbs must be of "manageable size." Crews will be covering the whole city. Residents can call into the municipal garage at (513) 785-7550 to request pickup. Delays are expected.

Middletown

Middletown is working with Rumpke for curbside pickup of yard waste and tree debris for customers. If limbs are cut into small, manageable piles, Rumpke is picking them up from the curb. Middletown city residents can also bring their brush to Mulch Plus, 2856 Cincinnati Dayton Road, at no cost. Call (513) 425-7766 for more information.

Oxford

This week, place storm debris between the curb and sidewalk. During the week of Sept. 22-26, residents may call (513) 523-8412 for special pick up of storm debris. This collection is for yard waste and tree limbs only. The first Saturday of each month through January, Oxford offers unlimited volume yard waste drop-off from 12 to 4 p.m. Call (513) 523-8412 for drop-off location.

Monroe

The city of Monroe will be picking up limbs and brush no larger than two or three inches in diameter if they are placed at the curb. They will not be picking up anything that cannot be chipped.