

How do I manage yard waste in Johnson County after Jan. 2012?

Beginning January 1, 2012, Johnson County residents will no longer be able to dispose of yard waste in landfills. Yard waste picked up at curbside must be composted or mulched. Residents can also choose to manage their yard waste on their own. Currently, 11% of what fills up a landfill is yard waste. Yard waste is easily composted and turned into a useful product rather than leaving it buried in a landfill forever.

Conveniently Curbside

Most waste haulers plan to offer curbside yard waste collection services to their customers on a subscription basis. Some city and HOA contracts already include this service. Yard waste will be required to be bagged and bundled appropriately for composting per instruction from your hauler. (See list on back for details.)

Backyard Compost Bin

Leaves, grass clippings and even food waste can be easily managed on site in a backyard composting bin. Compost can be used to fertilize lawns and gardens. Check with the K-State Extension Office for more information.

Leave it on the Lawn

Leave grass clippings on the lawn with a mulching mower. Not only do the grass clippings help retain moisture, they also return up to 25% of the nitrogen needed to fertilize the soil. Leaves can also be mulched back onto the lawn with a mulching mower.

Dumping is Illegal

Dumping leaves and grass clippings in storm drains and creeks is illegal and may result in enforcement action.

Drop off locations

There are several locations in the area where residents can drop off yard waste for composting. Fees apply.

Suburban Lawn and Garden

139th and Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO
(816) 941-2438

Deffenbaugh Industries

I-435 and Holiday Drive, Shawnee, KS
(913) 631-3300

Planet Marris Recycling

Brush and limb only
2701 Roe Lane, Kansas City, KS
(913)-888-0539

City of Olathe Composting

127th and Hedge Lane,
Olathe, KS
(913) 971-9311



Johnson County, KS Environmental Department :
913-715-6900 or www.JoCoRecycles.org

Licensed Residential Haulers in Johnson County

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Bumpy Roads Disposal	913-727-1405	
City of Olathe	913-971-9311	www.olatheks.org
Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc.	913-631-3300	www.deffenbaughinc.com
Gardner Disposal Service, Inc.	913-856-3851	www.gardnerdisposalservice.com
Honey Creek Disposal Service, Inc.	913-369-8999	www.honeycreekdisposal.com
L&K Services, Inc.	913-837-4637	www.lktrashservices.com
Linn County Transportation	913-757-3354	
Ottawa Sanitation Service	785-242-3227	www.ottawas sanitation.com
Republic Services, Inc. (Allied Waste)	913-281-4343	www.republicservices.com
Superior Disposal Service	913-406-9460	www.superiordisposalservice.com
Town and Country Disposal	816-380-5595	www.townandcountrydisposal.net

There are also some companies that exclusively collect yard waste curbside from residential customers. (Johnson County does not license yard waste only haulers.)

Compost Connections	816-761-8300	www.compostconnection.com
Nature's Rubbish	816-444-4050	www.naturesrubbish.com
Lawn Corps	816-761-3046	www.lawncorps.com
Infinity Compost	816-349-5302	www.infinitycompost.com