YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

**Brush Pick-Up:**
The Village of Greenhills picks up tree limbs, branches, Christmas trees, hedge trimmings (all of which must be 2-5 feet in length) and shrubs (no root balls) on a weekly/biweekly basis – weather, staff and equipment permitting – making one pass per street per week. These items are put through the brush chipper and made into wood chips, which are delivered to Greenhills residents free of charge, as requested.

Greenhills does not collect tree debris resulting from the removal of a tree by a contractor. Brush cannot be brought into Greenhills from locations outside the Village and/or worksites. If someone is abusing this service, please inform us.

Please place these items out prior to 7 a.m. on Monday to ensure they are not missed. Once the truck has been down your street, it will not return the same week.

**Loose Leaf Pick-Up:**
The Village of Greenhills has bulk leaf collections in the Spring (one week in April) and the Fall (October-December) intended to assist residents during Spring and Fall cleanup. Leaves should be placed at the back of the curb and not in the street. Piles may be no wider than 3’. Never place leaves within 15’ of a storm sewer catch basin. Please help keep catch basins clear of leaves at all times to help prevent street flooding during rain events.

Leaves ONLY will be accepted. Piles containing branches, garden waste, soil, rocks, vines, or any material that could damage the expensive machinery will be left and become the property owner’s responsibility to remove and recycle. Leaves which are blocked by parked vehicles will not be collected and will be the responsibility of the resident to remove and recycle. The leaves collected are composted and this leaf compost is delivered to resident free of charge, as requested.

Leaves also need to be out prior to 7 a.m. on Monday to ensure they are not missed.

**Spring:** No leaves may be placed at the curb after the Service Department has made its one pass down your street. Once the truck has been down your street, it will not return the same week.

**Fall:** Leaves placed at the curb after the Service Department has made its one pass down your street will be picked up during the next pass down your street. Once the truck has been down your street, it will not return the same week.

**Please note:** Rumpke will pick up residential yard waste as long as it is bagged with regular garbage on Wednesday. It does not need to be in a separate bag/can – it can be mixed in with your regular trash.

**Grass Clippings:**
Do not blow grass clippings into the street.

**Mulching:**
If you don’t want the hassle of raking, try mulching. Deep tree roots do a great job retrieving trace elements from the soil. Recycle these nutrients by mulching your leaves with your mower. Microbes and worms help break down leaf material, adding important organize matter and nutrients to your turf. This can reduce the need to fertilize. Mow leaves often to ensure 1/2” of grass is visible. Mulched leaves will decompose and disappear by spring and your lawn will green up nicely.