

## **Brush Pick Up Schedule and Criteria Policy**

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### **Schedule**

- April through October – Every two weeks. See Town Website for exact dates.

### **Criteria**

- Brush must be curbside by 7:00 AM of the Monday start date. If not in place when the crew arrives, it will be picked up on the next scheduled date. Materials are not collected in one day. The Town Crew makes a single “clean sweep” pass of the entire Town of Middleton community. Collections will be conducted in the most expedient method possible, but inclement weather and mechanical problems may create delays. Depending on weather and workload, it may take up to a week to complete the Town chipping rotation.
- Chipping is limited to 15 minutes at each residence.
- Due to varying conditions, specific collection days of the week cannot be projected for each neighborhood.
- If any materials that are not acceptable in a brush pile, a tag will be left to explain why the brush pile was not picked up. Brush may be left until the next pick-up week. There are two types of tags that may be issued. An orange tag means the crew picked up the brush but noted on the tag that there was a problem with the brush. This would need to be resolved before the next chipping cycle. A red tag means the crew was unable to pick-up the brush as indicated on the tag for the reason marked. The pile will be left until the resident removes the unacceptable material from the pile.
- Brush pick-up cannot be scheduled.
- Safety of the crew is always a top concern.

### **Acceptable for pick up:**

- Metal-free brush and wood material.
- Brush stacked with cut ends facing the road.
- Brush placed in small, separated piles to allow pick-up without entanglement along the road.
- Brush and tree limbs up to 6 inches in diameter.
- Brush and limbs cut by residents pruning their own trees.

- Undersized twigs placed in paper bags, a garbage can, or a tote.

**Not acceptable for pick up:**

- Tree limbs larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- Limbs from removal of whole tree.
- Root balls and brush mixed with soil.
- Yard waste (including, but not limited to pet waste)
- Commercially cut brush. (Must be disposed of by the contractor.)
- Shrubs or rocks.
- Brush containing nails, wire, etc.
- Poorly positioned and/or entangled tree limbs.
- Plastic bags.
- Anything not listed as acceptable.

**Note:** The Town does not pick up branches that were:

- Produced by tree services.
- Result from the development of residential lots.
- Originate from any business, farm, or forest management.
- Clearing of wooded areas on a residential lot.
- Town Crew has discretion to determine what they have the ability to chip.