

# TOWN OF TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND

## OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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With respect to yard waste pickup service in the Town of Tiverton, please be advised that the scheduled August yard waste pickup will go forward as planned. Residents are reminded that yard waste will be collected from August 1 – August 5 on their normal trash pickup day.

Going forward, the Town of Tiverton will not provide yard waste pickup service for the remainder of this fiscal year, effective September 1, 2016. The savings generated by cancelling the next seven (7) yard waste pick up runs will be used to help pay for the continuation of regular trash and recycling pickup service. The Budget Committee's certified budget cut funding for trash pickup by \$500,000. The Town is actively seeking ways to make up for that reduction and continue basic trash and recycling collection service, however, cuts in other activities will be needed to accomplish that goal.

Residents may still bring yard waste to the Municipal Landfill at 3524 Main Road for disposal free of charge. Residents are reminded that brush must be cut to three foot lengths and organized into bundles that are no more than 12 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 40 pounds. As before, residents are encouraged to compost leaves and other small vegetative matter.

At this time the Town is considering options for handling yard waste collection in-house or offering additional drop off sites. These discussions are at their earliest stages. Provision of yard waste pickup service will depend on overall service priorities across Town government, the rank ordering of demands on human resources, operating space and equipment at the Department of Public Works, and financial considerations.

The Town regrets any inconvenience that may arise from this change in services. Every effort is being made to re-work schedules and assets to allow for continuation of solid waste collection.

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