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City Announces Ways to Deal with Yard Waste

GARNETT: The City of Garnett reminds its refuse customers to please not mix yard waste; including grass clippings, brush, tree limbs and garden vegetation, in with the household trash that is picked up weekly by the city's refuse department. Landfill regulations require that yard waste be kept separate from solid waste. In the event yard waste is found to be combined with normal household trash set out for weekly pickup, all items may be left at the alley or curbside for the resident to separate.

Residents of Garnett have options when dealing with yard waste. The City of Garnett has a yard waste disposal burn site located on K-31 Highway. The disposal site is open free of charge to city residents on the last Friday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). City crews man this facility in which only tree limbs, leaves and yard waste materials are accepted.

The City of Garnett has a Yard Waste Pick-up Program available for persons unable to transport their brush and yard waste to the waste disposal burn site. Upon request, city crews will pick up yard waste on the last Friday of the month. The charge for this service is \$5.00. There is a limit of 10 bags of yard waste. Limbs must be in bundles no larger than 6 feet long and 3 feet in width. The pick-up point is next to where the usual refuse pick location is (alley or curbside). Note that city crews will not enter private property. To receive this service for the current month, please call city hall at 448-5496 to be placed on the list.

Special pick-up of unwanted items, such as furniture, appliances (not containing Freon) and other household items is available to city residents. This also includes large piles of brush which cannot be included for the monthly yard waste pick-up fee. The charge for a half dumb truck load is \$25; \$50 for a full truckload. To request this service, please contact city hall.

Burning permits are required to burn brush and yard waste materials. Burning permit applications are available at city hall during normal business hours. There is no charge for the permit. The permit hold is required to call the Anderson County Law Enforcement Dispatch Center before burning begins.