



## Items We Take: Yard Waste Removal

## The Guide

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**W**ith everything else you have to take care of in your home, it's easy to let your yard areas go neglected. And there's much more involved than mowing the grass every so often if you want to make the most of your yard. It also requires cleaning and [hauling waste and debris](#).

Your back porch and yard are perfect places to have parties, barbecues, and other types of outdoor get-togethers. Whenever the weather is nice, instead of people romping around in the house, you can host them outside. During the summer especially, your yard can be a great place for your family and friends to gather.

However, yard waste will not only make your backyard an eyesore, but it also can physically get in the way of pulling off a great outdoor party. The good news is that you don't have to get rid of it yourself.

Once you decide to outsource your yard waste and outdoor junk hauling, you'll want to determine which firm is the right one for the job. And, while you can probably hire some guy with a truck to do the job, that alternative may end up costing you more than you hoped to save.

Fortunately, you can hire the hauling pros at Junk



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King to get rid of the mess quickly and easily, allowing you to get back to enjoying the season and your rejuvenated property.

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## What is Yard Waste Removal?

Most homeowners with any amount of property take time to keep their [yard and landscaping](#) looking nice and appealing. This means not only maintenance like mowing lawns, pruning shrubs and trees, trimming plants and flowers, and so on, but also the need for yard waste removal.

Raking up the lawn trimmings or fall leaves is only half the job! If you aren't using some of this debris for composting, then it has to be removed and disposed of as you can't leave it all on your lawn. And most homeowners (and house renters) have organic waste recycling bins, often the green ones, that are provided by their municipal waste management company.

For many residents these are great for their yard waste removal and disposal.

While these bins may be perfectly manageable for small properties or small lawns, what if you have a large property or numbers of shrubs and trees? And what if you're contemplating a major landscaping project? This can easily mean that your yard waste and debris is more than you can easily dispose of yourself.

This is when professional yard waste removal becomes an option to consider.



## Yard waste Pickup - Items we Take

There is a great deal more to yard waste pickup than piles of leaves or trimmings. In fact, there is a whole list of [items we take](#) when it comes to yard waste.

At Junk King, we specialize in almost all types of yard debris, including:

- **Branches**
- **Landscaping Debris**
- **Plasterboard**
- **Clippings**
- **Fencing**
- **Frames**
- **Stumps**
- **Firewood**
- **Windows**
- **Soil**
- **Lumber**
- **Shingles**
- **Sod**
- **Old Timber**
- **Corrugated Iron**



Not only are we pros in yard waste disposal, we specialize in all sorts of junk removal including:



The good news is that, aside from hazardous material, almost everything you need to dispose of can be picked up by a professional junk hauling firm like Junk King.

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*And just about anything else you don't want!*

You might have noticed that many of these items may not be what would be considered "yard waste." However, in the course of spring cleaning, or an extensive landscaping project, other items and materials can be added to the yard waste pile.

In fact, you might have an old shed that needs to be dismantled and gotten rid of, or a fence that you have to replace. Projects like these will normally generate a large amount of waste and debris. And, as you probably already know, much of this type of junk can't go into your residential waste or recycling bins.

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## Best Time for Yard Cleanup

For most folks living in the United States, [seasonal weather](#) is the number one factor for determining when the best time is for your yard cleanup tasks. If you live in the Southwest or near the West Coast, yard cleanup can be done almost any time of year.

If, however, you live in states like North Dakota, Montana or Washington, winter months might make yard waste disposal somewhat problematic! Fortunately, when hiring a professional junk hauling firm to do the job for you, weather concerns can be minimized. By letting our team pick up and take away your yard waste for you, you don't have to be in the rain or brave the cold.

Another consideration is the type of work you're doing that's going to generate yard waste. For most people, Autumn is a great time to work on their yards and property. If you are cleaning up your lawns and landscaping for winter, for example, you want to arrange for yard cleanup to occur as soon as possible after you've staged your piles of debris. And you want to try to ensure it gets picked up before the rains or snow starts.

## Shed Demolition and Removal

As we noted already, sometimes your yard debris is more substantial than grass clippings or shrubbery trimmings and branches. In fact, you might have that old shed that has outlived its usefulness, or is in such bad shape it needs to be removed and replaced.

Demolition of a garden or storage shed will likely produce a large amount of [large and bulky debris](#) such as lumber, plastic, sheetrock or plasterboard, door frames, broken windows and other discarded building materials.

Without a truck it can be next to impossible for a homeowner to remove these types of waste materials themselves. Finding a relative or a friend with a truck might be an option, as well as renting one for a day. But you still have to do all the heavy lifting, sorting and handling debris than can be potentially dangerous.

No matter how large the demolition project is, we can manage the debris removal and disposal for you quickly and easily. In addition to being yard waste removal experts, we also specialize in hauling and disposing of all types of construction and demolition (C&D) waste.

## Branches, Dirt and Gnomes

So, you've decided to really go all out this year and give your yards a thorough cleaning and makeover. debris removal will likely include branches, old sod and dirt, in addition to grass, leaves, and old plants.

And yard gnomes.

While we would prefer that you find a loving home for your unwanted yard gnomes, we are well equipped to pick up and remove them for you, if necessary. And, if your old gnome is still in good shape, we will do our best to give it a second life someplace suitable.

Remember, [yard waste can be much more](#) than grass clippings and leaves. And the more work you do on your property and landscaping, the greater the variety of yard waste you will likely generate. And, unless you are going to rent a chipper and make your own mulch, there's no need to cut large branches down to extremely small pieces.



## Is Yard Waste Dumping Illegal?

Unfortunately, many of the options you might consider for yard waste dumping are probably illegal. While the local and state laws vary from place to place, the bottom line is that outside of designated dumping areas such as your local landfill, yard waste dumping is likely to be illegal.

In fact, according to [Nolo's website](#), Criminal Defense Lawyer,

**The definition of illegal dumping varies by state, but usually involves one of the following scenarios:**

- *dumping waste on public or private property that is not licensed or permitted to receive waste*
- *dumping waste, without a license or permit, into sewers or waterways, or*
- *allowing another to dump waste on one's land, without being licensed to receive such waste.*



In addition, keep in mind that the federal government has a number of environmental protection laws, such as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. While [these laws](#) include complex permitting requirements, they typically apply to large volumes of hazardous waste. Rather than taking this illegal approach to purging your yard waste, an economical alternative could be to [rent a modest 12 yard dumpster](#) from us instead.



## Yard Waste Can Include Lawnmowers and Other Tools

Maybe your lawnmower has lasted for years. But, at some point, it either broke down or you upgraded to something bigger and better. Or maybe you finally decided to leave the mowing to a professional lawn care firm.

Regardless of you still have it, having old lawn equipment hanging around means it's taking up storage space. Worse than that, it may just be sitting out in the elements becoming an eyesore and a potential safety hazard.

So, the question becomes, *"How can I get rid of my old lawnmower or (name a tool)?"*



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You can't just throw it away in the household trash. Apart from being too big for your curbside trash bin, it is likely to have fuel and oil residue in it, which are considered hazardous substances. And besides, by simply throwing it out, you'd miss out on an opportunity to "go green" while making some green!

The good news is that there are several ways to dispose of old lawn care and landscaping tools that are still in working condition.

In order to get rid of your old equipment you might need a way to transport them. This can be a bit of a challenge since not everyone has a vehicle suitable for hauling a lawnmower, for example.

With that in mind, here are some great ways to find a new home and a new life for your old equipment:

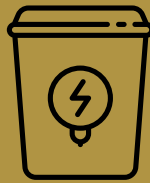


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### Try Selling Them...

This is probably the most obvious way to get rid of your old tools and make some money in the process. You offer them in your next garage or yard sale, or go digital and [sell your used tools](#) online with sites like Craigslist.



### Donating them...

If your old lawn edger or hedge trimmer is still in working order, you can always drop them off at a [local donation center](#). This option is great because you help a good cause while providing an affordable tool for someone who needs it.



### Or Give Them Away!

Do you have friends or neighbors who need good yard tools but don't have the means to buy them? By giving those individuals your usable lawnmower or leaf blower, you help them and yourself. You can also ask around about any elderly folks who have a need for your tools.

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## Often, however, your old tools or equipment are not in working order or even repairable. What do you do then?

You can make some money from your old, but unusable, lawn and garden tools. Most lawn tools such as edgers, weed trimmers, hedge clippers, and lawn mowers are made of materials that can be sold for scrap.

You can often sell these items to a [scrap metal](#) dealer. Scrap metal buyers often like old lawn mowers and small engines as they are a great source of scrap aluminum and steel.

If you're up to it, you can dismantle your old equipment yourself. This can allow you to get even more money for the individual materials than for the whole unit. Here are some simple steps you can follow:

1. Completely dismantle and clean the unit then use a magnet on all the metal parts to find and separate the ferrous and non-ferrous metals. The magnet will stick to ferrous metals, which contain iron, but not to aluminum, which is worth more money than steel.
2. Create two piles for your non-ferrous metals: one for clean aluminum-only pieces and one for dirty parts or parts with other metal attached.
3. Separate the Non-metals such as plastic pieces, which can usually be placed in your curbside recycling bin. Items like rubber tires, tubing and cable sleeves can usually be taken to a recycling center.

Scrap yards will typically accept any quantity of metals for recycling, but what you will be paid based on the weight of each type of metal. This means that, if you only have a few pieces of metal, they will still buy it from you, but you'll likely receive little payout for small quantities.





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## Hazardous Waste and Yard Debris Disposal

Sometimes the materials you need to get rid of from your yard clean up projects are considered "**hazardous materials**." Certain products you use outside, debris from your old shed demolition, and even many seemingly safe products actually contain substances and chemicals that are labeled as hazardous.

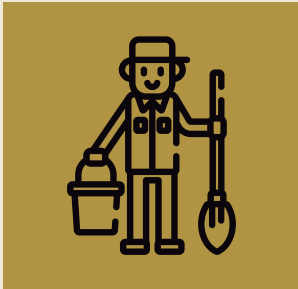
When this is the case, the garbage, remnants, scrap pieces and debris from these materials become "hazardous waste." Which means not only can you not legally dispose of them in your household trash, but most professional junk haulers cannot take them for you either. Of course, you want to minimize the presence of any hazardous materials or products on your property or in your home, but they cannot be completely avoided. And all of this material, hazardous and otherwise, has to be removed, handled and **disposed of properly** and legally.

Local, state, and federal rules require them to be properly managed and disposed of. In addition to building material waste, other debris generated during a yard clean up project can include treated wood, paint and solvent wastes, glues and a variety of other hazardous materials.

To properly get rid of your hazardous waste, your best bet is to find the local disposal center in your city or county that is authorized to handle that type of material. Don't know where that is? No worries! You can simply go to the website [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) and use their location tool to find the proper facilities in your area.



## Cost to hire a yard cleanup service



As a homeowner or renter with a large amount of yard waste to get rid of, you have a few options for making that happen. Short of doing it yourself, however, your best option is to hire a professional yard cleanup service, like Junk King.

And one of the natural questions to ask is how much is it going to cost.?

We strive to make pricing both fair and easy. For our full service junk hauling, we offer four different ways to get an estimate or firm price:

### ✓ ON SITE PRICING.

The best and most accurate way for us to assess the job and offer you the lowest price is with a free, no obligation, on-site estimate. When we are on-site, we can see exactly what the job will require. This way we can give you an immediate, accurate, and fair price for your junk removal job. And, when we know you're happy with the price, we can often complete the job right then and there.

### ✓ ONLINE PRICING ESTIMATE.

For an online pricing estimate, simply click "Pricing" in the navigation above. Then scroll down to "Pricing Estimator", enter your zip code, and choose an estimate "By List Item" or "By Truckload." The online price estimator is based on the average size of a typical item and the price in your local market. Because the size of a couch or [a TV](#), for example, can vary this will affect your actual price. The online estimator provides an estimate only. Our goal with the estimator is to give you a solid idea of what the job is likely to cost.

### ✓ TEXT US A PHOTO.

If you can take a photo of your items, text it to us at 737-888-5865, and we will text back an estimate. If your items are in different locations on your property, you can send us multiple photos and we will be able to provide you with an estimate. Please note that this is still an estimate only and is not an actual price. Once we arrive on site, however, our Big Red truck teams will give you a firm, no obligation price.

### ✓ TALK TO OUR TRAINED STAFF.

Finally, you can call or live chat our customer service team representatives. We are open from 4:45 am until - 8:00 pm PST (7:45 am - 11:00 pm EST) six days a week, and for 8 hours on Sunday. If you have 4 items or less, in many cases we will be able to offer you a firm price. If you have 4 items or more, we can offer you an estimate range at the call center. The final price, with no obligation, will be given on-site by our trained technicians.

## Yard Waste Removal FAQs

### When should I schedule a yard waste removal pick-up time?

Are you tired of yard waste piling up in your front or backyard? Junk King provides cost effective yard waste pickup and disposal services. Remove the yard waste from your yard by calling Junk King today and [scheduling a yard waste pickup](#) time convenient for your busy schedule. When you call Junk King will ask you some basic questions regarding the volume of yard waste, type and desired pickup time. We provide you quote to haul away your yard and schedule a time for pick-up.

### What equipment does your yard waste disposal truck come with?

Junk King provides every client with a two man crew consisting of strong and efficient people, shovels, rakes, sometimes a trolley or wheelbarrow. We have developed specialized lifting techniques as well as packing and hauling principles to efficiently remove and dispose of most types of yard waste and debris.

### What type of yard waste debris do you pick-up and haul away?

At Junk King, we can cleanup and remove all type of yard waste accumulating in your yard. Regardless of the size and weight of the heavy branches, thorn bush clippings, grass clippings, mulch, and leaves Junk King will work efficiently to restore the look and functionality of your yard. Stop trying to lug, load, and clean up your yard waste, leave that to the master of yard waste pickup and disposal, Junk King!

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- Corrugated Iron

### Can you tear down and haul away an old shed?

Is it time to knock down and dispose of that old shed, swing set or tree house. For most of us it's very difficult to knock down and dispose of the wood debris and debris associated with the removal of a shed or large debris. If you desire is to have your shed removal done in a safe, efficient way then make Junk King your choice for all of [your demolition needs](#). Junk King's junk removal teams will provide the labor, demolition and complete the removal of your shed usually within one work day.





## Can you take away old concrete and rubble?

Getting rid of [old concrete](#) can be one of the most labor intensive and hazardous tasks from cleaning up your property. Handling concrete rubble is difficult and even dangerous because it's heavy and unwieldy.

Just moving and staging your concrete debris can be tough. And properly disposing of it is another challenge altogether. In addition, there is often rebar and other metals to avoid, as well as potentially hazardous waste materials attached to or mixed in with the concrete debris. Even transporting concrete debris can be difficult.

And, while concrete is not normally classified as a hazardous material, the rules defining those types of materials can be confusing.

The [EPA defines hazardous waste](#) in several ways and one of them is by characteristics. For example, based on standards established by the EPA, if a material has a pH greater than 12.5 it is considered a corrosive material and, by definition, a hazardous waste. Most concrete has a pH level of at least 11 or more.

What this means is that proper concrete disposal involves much more than simply tossing the rubble in the back of a truck and hauling it off to the landfill.

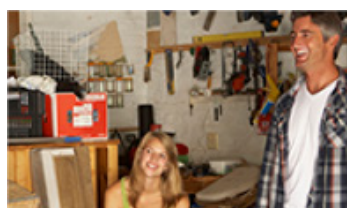
Junk King offers an affordable and easy solution for the difficult task of [hauling away old concrete](#) with our expert concrete disposal and recycling. Our crews quickly load up your broken pavement into our trucks for transport to the nearest concrete recycling or disposal center. Avoid the heavy lifting and prevent concrete from ending up in landfills by calling for Junk King construction debris removal.

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## Yard Waste Removal and Disposal Services

Yard waste can come in many forms. Did you have a recent storm that left huge tree branches strewn across your yard? Have you recently undertaken a gardening or [landscaping project](#) that's left dirt and debris everywhere? Do you simply have a bunch of junk and clutter in your yard that you haven't had time to clean up?

Junk King provides an efficient, safe and eco-friendly yard waste removal service so you don't need to worry about the pick up or disposal of your yard debris. Our experienced debris removal team will break down and haul off any types of yard waste you have. Unlike the backseat of your car, our junk removal trucks are made to handle those dirty yard debris items.

## Ready to get rid of your yard waste?

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3.



You make an appointment by booking online above or by calling  
**1.888.888.JUNK (5865).**

Our professional and insured yard waste removal team will show up at your home or office; we call 15 minutes before we arrive on site and we'll give you a free estimate based on how much room your junk takes up in our truck. You point and we haul the debris into our junk removal trucks, with no hidden fees.