

Be Prepared For Citywide Cleanup Starting April 6

The annual Yankton City-wide Cleanup is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Residents on city garbage collection routes may dispose of those materials outlined below at no additional charge. Materials may be dropped off at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 23rd and Kellen Gross Drive from April 6th through April 13th on the hours posted below.

- Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 pm
- Monday, April 8 to Friday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:45 pm

The following type of materials may be disposed of at no additional charge for residents on the city garbage routes:

- Tree branches, wood products, metal items, and minimal concrete

If you are on a city garbage collection route, city crews will pick up the materials if you follow these steps:

- Separate materials by type into piles.
- Piles must be placed at the street curb on the day that your regular garbage is picked up. These items will not be picked

up in alleys.

- Piles must be placed directly in front of your property and not in front of adjacent neighboring property.
- Tree branches shall be no longer than 10' in length.
- Garbage cans set out for normal collection must be set away from piles and left in alleys.

City crews will pick up the materials listed above that have been placed at the curb on April 8, 2013 through April 12, 2013. This service is only available for residential customers on the regular city garbage collection routes.

The following materials cannot be picked up by city crews. Information for disposal of these items is provided below.

- Grass clippings and leaves < Grass and leaves may be disposed of at the transfer station free of charge throughout the summer. They will not be picked up by city crews during citywide cleanup. Grass clippings and leaves must be free of cans, paper, and other debris.
- Old records, files, cans, and clothing < These materials can be considered regular garbage and be disposed of or recycled with the routine garbage throughout

the year.

- Newspapers, cardboard, plastics, tin and aluminum cans, and magazines

Please recycle these items free of charge throughout the year. If you are on the city garbage collection route you may separate and set these items out with your routine garbage. Everyone in Yankton County including businesses may recycle these items free of charge by bringing the items to the transfer station. For more information on using the River City Recycling Program go to <http://www.cityofyankton.org>.

- Tires, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, motor oils, or automotive-type batteries < Tires, refrigerators, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers must be taken to the transfer station and a fee will be charged. Motor oil may be taken to the transfer station and disposed of free of charge at any time.

Automotive-type batteries may be dropped off at the Battery Exchange on West Highway 50 or Yankton Metals at 1405 Bill Baggs Road.

- Paints, thinners, painting oils, and other house hold hazardous waste.

It is best to use these materi-



Courtesy Photo on the curb. A complete list of what can be collected through the transfer station is available on the city website at www.cityofyankton.org.

als up or give them to someone else that need them. Paints, thinners, and related items are considered hazardous waste and may not be disposed of at the transfer station. Any disposal procedures or plans will be advertised when developed.

- Construction, demolition debris, old buildings, etc. < Concrete or bricks from sidewalks,

patios, and landscaping may be disposed of free of charge if kept separate from other waste and brought to the transfer station. Construction debris and large amounts of rubble from building demolition of garages, storage sheds and houses, may be taken to the transfer station at any time and a fee will be charged.

The transfer stations regular hours other than during citywide cleanup are Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. The transfer station is not open on Sundays. For further information, contact the City of Yankton Street Department at 668-5211.

Managing Difficult Yard Situations

Many homeowners aim for a picture perfect lawn complete with rolling acres of soft, green grass. But Mother Nature may have other things in mind, providing homeowners with less-than-stellar growing conditions for their lawns, plants and other foliage. Frustration can mount when a yard is muddy, is especially shady or has soil that doesn't seem to grow a thing. In such instances, homeowners may have to go the extra mile to get the yard they desire.

Irrigation issues

Improper drainage or low-lying areas in a yard may contribute to a muddy mess. Soil that is inhospitable for grass also may end up causing muddy patches because the grass simply does not grow. In some cases, remedying a muddy yard is easy and inexpensive. Some homeowners find that tilling the soil and amending it with a fiber mulch helps to absorb extra water and make the conditions better for lawn seeds to sprout. This also helps to aerate compacted soil that can hinder grass growth. Adding soil fill also may help to level low-lying areas that can be puddling.

Some homeowners find that they need to do a little more work and spend some more money to fix irrigation issues. Installing a draining system or having the property sloped to draw water away can sometimes be done by a homeowner but is often best left to a professional. You may need to dig trenches, and the property may need to be regraded to make a difference.

Sandy soil

Grass and other plants may not grow well with sandy or clay soil. Again, amending the soil is one way to remedy the problem. Although it will take some work at the outset, amending the soil can improve conditions and reduce how much maintenance the lawn needs. Digging down several inches and adding nutrient-rich filler soil will help create conditions that are better for growing. Those who are interested in planting vegetables could opt for raised garden beds above the challenging soil.

Shade

Sometimes a yard is problematic because of the amount of sunshine it receives. Too much sunshine can scald certain grasses, while inadequate sunshine may result in bare patches where grass won't grow. If cost is no object, removing or planting trees to establish better growing conditions could be an option. However, today there are many grass blends that are tailored toward specific sunlight scenarios.



Shady situations may impede grass growth in a yard.

Homeowners may find that low-light blends will grow better in shady areas.

For those who are finding no luck with grass blends, it may just be necessary to think creatively. Plant shade-loving plants, such

as ferns or ground cover, where the grass won't take. Design the landscape so it looks intentional. Flagstone and slate placed in certain areas also may mask temperamental growing areas.

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for managing various situations in the yard that can make growing lawn or other plants challenging. If projects are difficult, it could be smart to call in a professional.

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