

KEEP YARD WASTE OUT OF NATURAL AREAS. ➡



Protect parks and streams from the harmful effects of dumping. Dumping is not composting.

DO

DO bag it at the curb in paper bags or reusable bins.

Acceptable materials include:

- Brush
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Bundled branches (no larger than 6" in diameter)

DON'T

DON'T dump yard waste in common areas and storm drains. It's harmful and illegal!

DON'T bag these with yard waste:

- Pet waste
- Rocks
- Diseased plants
- Invasive plants

If in doubt, leave it out. Don't contaminate yard waste – it gets processed into free community mulch and compost. Dispose of "Don't" items in your regular garbage.



For more information about free mulch for county residents, visit:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/free-mulch

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Weed Out Invasive Plants

Invasive plants are exotic weeds that threaten our parks by crowding out native plants and disrupting ecosystems. They spread quickly and are difficult to remove. Invasive vines like English ivy, mile-a-minute, and kudzu can grow to cover anything in their path and even kill trees, while Japanese stiltgrass takes over forest floors and suburban lawns. Preventing the spread of invasive plants is easier than trying to remove the plants once established.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP



Remove invasive plants. Remove existing invasive plants in your yard and consider planting native trees and flowers instead of invasives.



Keep invasive plants out of yard waste. Dispose of invasive plants with your regular trash in plastic trash bags to prevent them from spreading in the environment.



Don't dump yard waste. Dumping yard waste in natural areas is harmful and spreads invasive species. It also smothers ecosystems, impacts floodwaters and causes nutrient overload in parks.



Know your plants. Not sure if a plant is native or invasive? Use our guide to identify and control invasive plants in your yard.



To get your guide to invasives visit: <https://bit.ly/2Maju5r>

