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## Brush vs Yard Waste -

### What does the Village Collect?

**Brush** is woody material like sticks, trimmings, and branches from trees, shrubs, and bushes. It is processed through the wood chipping machine. Brush does not have any dirt attached to it.

**Yard Waste** consists of grass clippings, flowers, plants, small twigs, weeds, pumpkins, etc. The Village does **NOT** collect yard waste. Please be cautious of where your yard waste ends up. Grass clippings, weeds, and leaves can be harmful to our waterways. Please mow away from the street, and do not place your leaves in the street for pickup. Yard waste can be disposed of at the Public Works shop on Blue Mounds St. behind the Shoe Box.

Brush collection is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of the month (excluding holidays & inclement weather). Curbside Leaf collection will begin to happen more frequently as the leaves begin to fall. Place all brush with the cut end facing the street prior to 7:00 am on collection day. Call 608-767-2063 with any questions. **IMPORTANT: Contractors hired to do tree trimming or other work must dispose of any material generated. It cannot be left at the curb.**

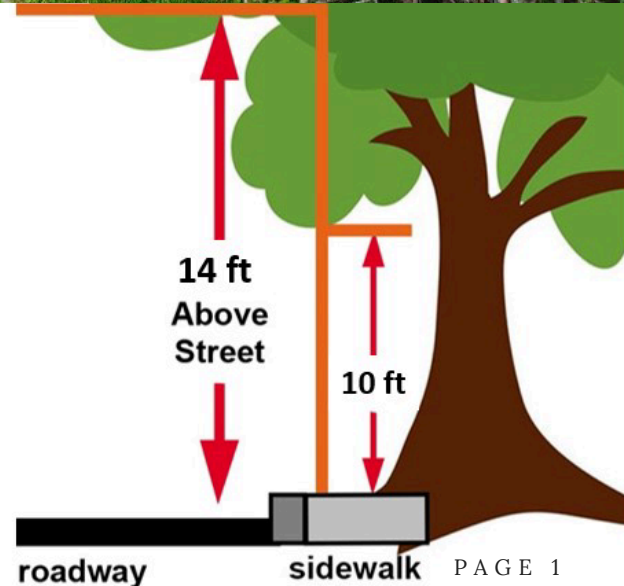
## Tree Trimming Reminder!

Village Ordinance 236-9 requires the lowest branch of all trees projecting over a public road to have a minimum clearance of 14', and a 10' minimum clearance over any public sidewalks. This height requirement allows for safe travel of commercial and emergency vehicles such as ambulances and firetrucks, and also keeps pedestrians safe on the sidewalk. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain their trees to the minimum clearance requirements. If you have any questions about tree branches, contact Public Works Director Matt Kahl by email at [bepublicworks@blackearthwisconsin.com](mailto:bepublicworks@blackearthwisconsin.com) or by phone at 608-767-2063. Please also maintain your trees, shrubs, and other greenery near intersections. It is important to keep a clear line of sight at all intersections and ensure all road signs are visible.

The municipal office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. Village staff will also be limited September 12 and 13 due to training. We will post if office hours will be effected.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING IN SEPTEMBER

Public Works will be flushing hydrants in the village September 9th-13th. During this time the color of your water may be discolored. Please run your cold tap until the water runs clear. The water is safe for consumption, the discoloration comes from sediment being disturbed in the pipes. The Water Utility also recommends laundry to be done during the evening hours. Please feel free to contact Matt Kahl - Public Works Director - at 608-767-2063 with any questions or concerns.



**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am to 7:00pm

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**September Activity Grab Bag for Kids**

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Tuesday, September 3rd. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

**Tuesday Storytime at the Library**

**Sept 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:30am-12pm**

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities with friends. Best for babies and toddlers, but the whole family is welcome.

**Tuesday Toddler Art at the Library**

**Sept 3, 10, 17, 24 | 12-12:30pm**

Come create, explore, and play at the library! Our art experiments for little hands are designed to encourage curiosity and build motor skills. Enjoy the process and come dressed for a mess.

**Crafternoon with Perler Beads**

**Wednesday, Sept 25th 12:00 - 2:00PM**

**In the Village Meeting Room**

Join us at the library on your early release day from school to craft with Perler Beads. You can even turn your creations into magnets, jewelry, or keychains for your backpack. Best for school age kids but the whole family is welcome.

**Paranormal Wisconsin - Tales of Ghosts, UFO's and Mysterious Creatures**

**Thursday September 26th from 6 - 7 PM**

This presentation by Chad Lewis is an eerie combination of the most bizarre paranormal topics. He has combined his strangest cases of alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles and everything else weird and unusual. This program covers the entire spectrum of Wisconsin's supernatural activity.

**Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, Sept 4th | 10:30am**

Join us for a discussion of the memoir The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson. Copies of the book, including large print and audio versions, are available at the library.

**"Officer Kartman's Safety Tip of the Month"**

It is beginning to be that time of year again, when the leaves start to change and before we know it the snow will be falling! Please take time to inspect your vehicles for winter readiness. Check your tires, windshield wipers, and washer fluid level before the weather gets bad!

**Driftless Park Passport Program**

It's our 4th annual Driftless Park Passport program in partnership with Gateway to the Driftless, the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains, and the Mazomanie Free Library! Stop by one of our library locations until October 15th to pick up your passport and earn fun prizes for exploring local parks. Prizes are available for those of all ages. Kids through adults.

**Smokey Bear Challenge**

Sign up for the Smokey Bear Challenge on Beanstack and earn prizes for reading books with nature/conservation themes, learning about our environment and visiting parks until October 15th. Visit [blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org](http://blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org) or our website for more information to get started. Plus don't forget to find the hidden picture of Smokey Bear in the library to win a piece of candy!

**Spice of the Month Club**

Each month we will be providing "take-and-make" kits featuring a different spice, herb, or blend. Each kit will include information about the featured spice, two simple recipe suggestions, and enough spice to make both of the recipes included. The kits are free, but supplies are limited so please only take one kit per household. For September we'll be offering Cloves.

**Library Closures in September:**

The library will be closed Saturday, August 30 through Monday September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

We will also be closed Friday September 6th for a Staff Development Day.