

Tree/Shrub Trimming & Pruning Pickup Program

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The [Campton Township Highway District](#) tree and shrub trimming/pruning pick-up is a courtesy service to residents and offers pick-up of the trimming/pruning in the unincorporated areas of the Township and throughout the Village of Campton Hills. The Township **has not** been instructed by the State of Illinois or Kane County to provide this service and the Township **is not reimbursed** by the State or the County for the cost of supplying this service to its residents.

Please, help us protect our crew and equipment by complying with the following guidelines:

Our Crew **WILL PICKUP** trimmings/pruning from bushes or shrubs and small limbs (6 inch diameter or less) and small branches from trees and limbs.

The crew **WILL NOT PICKUP** firewood, large or heavy logs, stumps, lumber, clearing the forest floor, root balls (not dirt), grass clippings, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves, or anything in plastic bags or other such containers.

The chipper is designed to chip small limbs and branches **not yard waste**. Our equipment **is not designed** to grind small twigs, leaves, and/or garden plant trimmings. Your garbage service will take yard waste and roots for nominal cost. **If it can be put into a bag, then it is yard waste.**

In addition, cutting down a shrub, tree, or heavy limbs **IS NOT trimming or pruning** and the crew **will not remove the trees, heavy limbs, shrubs, or the debris**. Residents must hire a removal service at their expense to take down trees, limbs, or shrubs and are also responsible for hauling away the trunks, the limbs, the logs, the branches, root balls, and any and all debris.

This pick-up program is for the sole use of the **residents** of unincorporated Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills. This program is **strictly for residentially-generated trimming and pruning only, not for contractor** tree or shrub removals or trimming. **The program shall not be used by contractors and/or residents for clearing** lots, the forest floor, for building homes or structures, private roads, entrances, or acquiring more open space.

Pick-up **begins the first full week of May and the first full week of October** according to the **schedule** posted on the Highway District's section of the Campton Township website. **All** trimming and pruning **must be put out the weekend before pick-up begins**. If trimmings **are not placed out** before pick-up begins, **the crew cannot wait, and it will not be picked up**.

Areas **North** of IL Route 64 will be picked up the **first week**, and areas **South** of IL Route 64 will be picked up the **second week**. Areas in the Village of Campton Hills within Plato Township will be picked up the **third week**. Inclement weather or any equipment failures **will delay progress for each day work cannot be done**.

Minor storm damage or debris **will not warrant** a special pick-up. **ALL pick-ups will be subject to the Highway Commissioner's discretion**. A very heavy storm with widespread, severe damage that require the Highway District crews to clear **THE ROADS AND THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY** for traffic flow **may possibly warrant** a residential storm damage pick-up, but it will be **at the discretion** of the Highway Commissioner. **Road project completions must take priority**.

Each brush pile **must be sized for an easy one-person pick-up**. Smaller pencil-sized twigs should be bundled with twine or string. They **shall be placed** on the edge of the road the **WEEKEND BEFORE** the pick-up program begins. Please, do not “hide” **thorny tree branches** inside piles. If you have **thorny trimmings**, it **must be bundled and tied with string or twine** and **placed in a separate pile**. These bundles must also be an easy one-person pick-up. Place these bundles with any other trimmings next to the road and our crews will take them. They need special care and **they can cause puncture wounds that easily become infected**.

PLEASE, HELP US by complying with these guidelines. The guidelines are for **PREVENTING INJURIES, to our crew, our equipment, and expediting the pick-up**. **Non-compliance** will result in trimmings being **red tagged and not being picked up**.



Trimming/Pruning piles put out within the guidelines

Trimming/Pruning Pile Guidelines – One-person piles. Cut ends toward road, 1 or 2 feet apart, piled neatly, each bundle may be 18 - 24 inches thick. If necessary, place piles in additional rows behind first row. Longer branches up to 8 ft. are acceptable. Logs – up to 6” thick by 4’ long. A pile may be tied together using only string or twine. **Thorny trimmings must be bundled and tied with string or twine and placed in a separate pile. No wire.** Wire will damage equipment and dull blades. **Place all trimmings along road edge the weekend before pick-up begins.**



Unacceptable: tree removal, heavy limbs, large branch piles.

STORM DAMAGE: A SEVERE, WIDESPREAD STORM is a storm producing enough damage that the Highway District crews need to clear **THE ROADS AND THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY** of Storm Damage for traffic flow. After a **SEVERE, WIDESPREAD STORM** the Highway District **MAY** determine to have a storm damage pick-up (small limbs and branches) at the **Commissioner's discretion**. If so determined, it will begin on the Monday approximately 2 weeks after the storm. Residents must notify the Highway District to be added to the **Scheduled Pick-Up List** within **10 Days** of the storm. **This WILL NOT BE a community wide Storm Damage Pick-up.** It will be a **SCHEDULED STORM DAMAGE PICK-UP** and residents **must be** on the **scheduled list**. We must **resume** and **complete** all road work projects **before winter preparations** begin. The **scheduled pick-up will only be for storm damage**. **It WILL NOT BE PICKED UP if it is NOT STORM DAMAGE**, if resident fails to contact the Highway District **within the 10 Day period after the storm**, or if resident fails to put out the piles the weekend **before the scheduled start date of the pick-up**. The storm damage must be put out in compliance with trimming/pruning pick-up guidelines. **Please call: (630) 365-9300.**

NOTE: ANY TREE OR HEAVY LIMBS DOWNED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER OR RESIDENT FOR ITS PROPER DISPOSAL.

NOTE: WOOD CHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT OUTSIDE THE BACK GATE.