



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
December 9, 2022

**CONTACT:** Public Works Sanitation  
(941) 575-5050

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Sanitation will resume the clamshell collection of residential loose yard waste piles on Monday, December 12, 2022. Residents can request the special pick-up by calling the Public Works Department (941) 575-5050 or completing the online web request [Sanitation | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](https://www.punta-gorda.fl.us/sanitation).

Single-family residential properties must meet the following requirements:

The yard waste must be at least 1 cubic yard (3'x3'x3') or approximately two 96 gallon trash cans) and must not exceed 5 cubic yards (5'x5'x5') for bulk pickup of vegetative yard waste. The pile must be placed on the right-of-way at the edge of the pavement, not the driveway or roadway. Please do not place piles near or under power lines or trees, utility boxes, mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. This would impede access to the yard waste pile and it will not be collected. Any yard waste pile that is less than 1 cubic yard shall be placed in yard waste cans or bundles for collection with weekly yard waste collections in accordance with the following:

- The following guidelines must be followed for yard waste collection. Each Residential property is limited to a combined total of three (3) for the following items:
  - Yard waste can
  - Paper lawn/leaf bags
  - Bundles (Less than 4 ft in length)

Each can or bag shall not weigh more than thirty-five (35) pounds. Plastic bags are not permitted. Each yard waste can must have a lid and handles. We encourage residents to purchase a garbage tote with wheels, a lid, and a metal cross bar across the front that are compatible with the City refuse trucks found at any local hardware store.



Limbs, branches, palm fronds, and similar yard waste must be less than 4 feet in length and must be tied with string or rope into bundles. Loose items that are longer than 4 feet in length and not bundled will not be collected. Bundling shall not weigh more than 35 pounds.

If the pile exceeds 5 Cubic yards (5'x5'x5') the resident will be required to have the debris removed by a private hauler. Lot clearing and whole tree removal are NOT a part of the regular service provided by the City and residents must contact a private hauler to remove the debris. Construction debris and household garbage must not be mixed in the yard waste piles. The upcoming holidays and excessive requests could cause delays in collection. Staff is unable to schedule the collection on a specific date.

As a reminder, the City does not collect any construction debris. The hurricane debris removal contractor has completed the final sweep.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Public Works Department at (941) 575-5050 during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mon. through Fri.

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E-mail: City Council