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## **CHANGES MADE TO YARD DEBRIS AND BULK GOODS COLLECTION ORDINANCE**

The Batesburg-Leesville Town Council voted September 8, 2014 to amend the ordinances relating to residential yard trash and bulk goods collection by the Town's Street Department. Residential yard trash is defined as the collection of vegetative materials from residential property. This type of trash may include, but is not limited to, trimmings, tree branches, pine straw, leaves, and grass clippings. Bulk goods include furniture, such as, mattresses, box springs chairs, tables, and other types of household furniture. Below are the highlights of what citizens need to know about the changes.

1. Yard trash must be placed on or beside the paved or unpaved portion of the roadway, however, in no event, shall this trash block the paved portion of the roadway.
2. All yard trash must be placed either on the owner or tenants property, or directly in front of and on the same side of the street as the owner or tenant's property. Yard trash cannot be placed on property you do not own or lease.
3. Yard trash cannot be placed on or within three (3) feet of a Town meter or storm drain.
4. Yard trash must be kept separate from other types of trash, to include household trash, bulk goods, and construction material. If trash is not properly separated, it will not be collected by Town staff.
5. Limbs cannot be longer than four (4) feet and no larger than six (6) inches in diameter.
6. Improperly prepared yard trash will not be collected.
7. Every attempt must be made to secure pine straw and leaves into bags no larger than 55 gallons. Bags must be secured.
8. When a contractor is employed for the removal of trees or any other vegetative materials, the contractor is responsible for the removal of all yard trash from the property. The Town will not collect yard trash created from contracted work.

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9. If the amount of yard trash on a property exceeds normal seasonal quantities, the Street Department may finish the collection of debris later, after other normal collections are complete. The street department will not collect whole trees, stumps, and land clearing debris.
10. Landscaping or construction debris including, but not limited to, railroad ties, landscaping timbers, treated lumber, building materials, brick, dirt, or shingles will not be collected by the Town and must be removed by the property owner or contractor performing the work.
11. Bulk goods should not be set out for pickup until Wednesday, 48 hours before the collection day, which is Friday of each week.
12. The Town does not pick up appliances or tires.

In addition to these changes, the Town would like to remind citizens that while performing yard work, depositing grass trimmings, leaves, or any other type of yard debris into the roadway is strictly prohibited.