

# Bag Your Yard Waste!

The City of Albany Department of General Services would like you to know that residents are **NOT** permitted to rake or place their yard waste loosely into the city streets for collection.

According to the Codes for the City of Albany, Section 313-4B(2), "Grass, leaves and other yard waste debris shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags approved for such use and / or made available by the City of Albany and placed at curbside for collection."

Violators of this code can be subject up to \$50 per violation plus cost of clean up.

Raking leaves into the streets creates an unnecessary burden on the street sweepers and results in the leaf loads consuming valuable landfill space when they should be organically recycled. Please put your yard waste in the biodegradable paper bags and place the bags curbside the evening prior to your designated collection day. **GRASS AND LEAVES ONLY. NO DIRT OR STONES. YARD WASTE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED UNLESS IT IS IN A BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAG. ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS.** This will ensure the yard waste will **NOT** go to the landfill. Instead, it **WILL** be transformed into highly desirable compost, which is free to residents and perfect for your home garden. Free compost is available at our Erie Blvd compost facility and is limited to 5-5gallon pails per visit. Thank you for your assistance.

Biodegradable bags are available at the following locations:

\* **Capital Hills at Albany**, *New Scotland Ave.* \***Bleecker Stadium**, *Clinton Ave.*  
\***Westland Hills Park**, *Colvin Ave.* \***Louise Corning Senior Citizens Center**, *25 Delaware Ave.*  
\***Dept. of Youth and Recreation**, *7 Hoffman Ave.* \***Dept. of General Services**, *One Conners Blvd.* \***St. Vincent's Community Center**, *Madison Ave.* \* **Treasurer's Office**, *City Hall*

For additional information, call the Department of General Services at **434-CITY** or visit our website at [www.albanyny.gov](http://www.albanyny.gov)

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