



*Leaf & Limb Policy
Effective March 9, 2010*

The City of Comer, Georgia, is committed to working for a cleaner environment. The City Public Works Department provides pickup of leaf and limbs to all residents within the city limits of Comer. By diverting and mulching leaf and limb material, Comer is not only recycling these natural resources, but also meeting the requirements set forth by the State of Georgia in 1996 which states that “no yard waste may be land-filled”. This eliminates the need for residents to burn these items, keeping our air cleaner and reducing the risk of fires. The contract with AAA Sanitation for household garbage pickup within the city limits does not provide for the removal of yard debris from residents' homes. By providing these services, Comer residents are already assessed a monthly fee on their municipal bills.

Leaf Pick Up Service

Residents will be required to use BIODEGRADABLE PAPER LAWN REFUSE BAGS for all grass clippings, pine straw, small brush, and leaves. Plastic bags will no longer be accepted. Paper lawn refuse bags are available in the Home and Garden section of Home Depot, Lowes, Target, Wal-Mart, and other local retail/hardware stores. Each household will be restricted to a total of twenty (20) paper lawn refuse bags per monthly pickup, in addition to a “bundle” of limbs as described in the following paragraph. This equates to one “load”.

Limb Pick Up Service

Public Works picks up tree limbs up to 4” in diameter and 6' in length. Residents are required to place limbs into a bundle, whereas, the bundle of tree limbs will not exceed 3 feet in height X 3 feet in width X 6 feet long in any one location. Only one bundle will be serviced at each household per month, in addition to twenty (20) paper lawn refuse bags as described in the above paragraph. To make it easier for the city workers and to expedite the removal of limbs, we ask that residents place the bundle of limbs next to the street with the cut ends (not to exceed 4” in diameter) facing out.

The yard debris is chipped and converted to mulch. The City maintains a large mulch pile at Arnold's Park in Comer. Residents of Comer may obtain mulch, free of charge, by contacting City Hall at (706)783-4552. Large deliveries may be delivered by Public Works, when available, and coordinated with the City Hall.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is picked up?

A: Grass, Leaves, Prunings, Pinestraw, Weeds, Brush, Twigs, Limbs and Small Branches (No more than 4 inches in diameter and 6 feet in length)

Q: What is not picked up?

A: Bagged dirt/soil, Stumps, Flower Pots, Garbage, Rocks, Food, Logs and Tools

NOTE: The City of Comer Public Works Department **ONLY** collects leaf and limb debris that a property owner has generated. Individuals or companies under contract by the property owner to collect leaves and/or trim limbs must haul and dispose of the debris themselves (ie: tree surgeons, utility companies, yard maintenance companies, etc.).

Q: How do I get my leaves or limbs picked up?

A: Place authorized yard debris (see question #1) in PAPER lawn refuse bags and place at the curb. Stack limbs, brush and small branches in a bundle at the curb (see question #4).

Q: How much can be picked up?

A: You may put out one load per pick up. A "load" equals 20 PAPER lawn refuse bags and one bundle of limbs (3 foot in height X 3 foot in width X 6 foot long – limbs cannot be larger than 4” in diameter or longer than 6’ in length). This service is not intended to allow residents to clear lots!

Q: When is pick up?

A: Check the City of Comer website or call City Hall with questions/concerns at (706) 783-4552.

Q: What happens to the leaf and limb material collected by the City of Comer Public Works?

A: The material is chipped into mulch and placed at a designated location (across from Arnold’s Park) for public use. Residents of Comer can coordinate to pickup mulch, as available, through City Hall for residential use. It is not permissible for contractors or lawn care businesses to use this mulch for commercial purposes.