



That Pesky Yard Waste!

*It's biodegradable - why can't I just dump it in the woods?
It's natural - what harm could it do?*

The answer is: **Plenty**

- ✚ Materials from your garden often contain pesticides and lawn fertilizers that were applied to the yard. Pesticides can kill beneficial insects, fish and other wildlife. Lawn fertilizers will disrupt the balance of nutrients in our Conservation Areas.
- ✚ Waste can wash into the waterways and carry chemicals that are poisonous to aquatic life and can cause algae that will kill fish and release toxins into the water.
- ✚ Chemicals used on commercially purchased Christmas trees may sicken deer and rabbits if the trees are dumped in the woods or open areas.
- ✚ Piles of yard debris eliminate natural homes for wildlife and prevent or kill native plant species that are protected.
- ✚ Piles of yard debris are unsightly and reduce property values.

These are the reasons it is *illegal* to dump on public lands in Chesterfield.

Dumping is not allowed - even if "No Dumping" signs are not present.



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