



# Garden Refuse Ordinance Update



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# Background

- “Garden refuse” = garden refuse, tree trimmings, shrub trimmings, hedge cuttings, leaves, grass clippings, and similar materials
- Current Municipal Code sections are conflicting, unenforceable, and create public right-of-way issues
- First introduced on October 1, 2019, being reintroduced to clarify “bagging” option for overages



# Background

## Applicable Codes/Conflicts

- **1969: Section 6-4.03 – Placement of garden refuse**
  - Deposit garden refuse in street OK
- **1999: Section 6-3.11 – Cuttings**
  - Deposit garden refuse in refuse bins, cardboard boxes, bundles
- **2011: Section 4-8.130 – Public nuisances specified**
  - No reference to garden refuse disposal
- **2016: Section 4-21 – Storm Water**
  - Do not deposit garden refuse in the roadway



# Analysis

- Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 4-8.130
  - Added section (o) to define placing garden refuse in the public right of way as a nuisance.
- Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-3.11
  - Updated the section to read so it is compliant with Recology's current contract requirements. (cardboard cartons are no longer to be used, 3' instead of 4' bundles, and overages can be placed in bags)
- Title 6, Chapter 4, Section 6-4.03
  - Updates the section to specify garden refuse is not to be placed in the right of way, under any circumstance.



# Analysis

- Re-Introduce Ordinance tonight: 10/15/19
- Next Step: Council Consideration to Adopt/Deny 11/5/19 meeting
- Outreach - Mailer is planned to go out in the City Water Bill, Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), Sweeper is being wrapped with information



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# GARDEN REFUSE ORDINANCE UPDATE

Garden refuse is leaves, branches, clippings, and other green waste.

Ordinance No. 003-19: Effective December 5, 2019.

- ✓ Deposit in the “green” waste bin
- ✓ Bag or bundle extra debris alongside bin

- ✗ Don't blow into the street for the sweeper
- ✗ Violation may result in fines!

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# Sweeper Truck

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# Fiscal Impact

- Staff and Notification mailers
- Potential long-term labor savings associated with less issues with improper disposal and code enforcement conflicts
- Possible fines per Municipal Code



# Recommendation

Introduce an ordinance amending the Yuba City Municipal Code to allow for placement of garden refuse and defining violation as a nuisance, and waive the first reading.