

# Yard Waste Disposal Alternatives

<b>FREE DISPOSAL AT NEWTON SANITARY LANDFILL</b>	All Jasper County residents with the exception of those who live in the non-Newton Sanitary Landfill member cities of Mingo and Prairie City may dispose of leaves, small twigs less than one-quarter inch in diameter, hedge trimmings, garden waste and weeds at the Newton Sanitary Landfill in any container year-round free of charge. Residents will be asked to empty the container at the landfill. The Newton Sanitary Landfill is located 3/4 mile south of I-80 on the east side of Highway 14. The landfill hours are Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 3:15 pm and on Saturday 8:00 am - 11:45 am April 1 <sup>st</sup> through October 31 <sup>st</sup> , and 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month November 1 <sup>st</sup> through March 31 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>NEWTON CITY YARDWASTE BAGS</b>	Newton City logo leaf bags are collected during regular curbside trash pickup every week from March 25 <sup>th</sup> through December 7 <sup>th</sup> at no charge. Leaf bags may contain leaves, small twigs less than one-quarter inch in diameter, hedge trimmings, garden waste and weeds. The leaf bags may be purchased in quantities of 10 for \$10.00 (\$1.00 each) plus sales tax at Fareway, Farver True Value, Hy-Vee, Theisen's and Wal-Mart.
<b>COMPOSTING</b>	Composting can be used to provide soil and mulch for gardens and plants. A brochure explaining how to start a compost pile at your residence can be obtained at the Iowa State University Extension Jasper County Office, 550 North 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue West. Questions about composting may be directed to the Iowa State University Extension Jasper County Office, at 792-6433.
<b>MULCHING</b>	Mulching mowers cut grass and leaves into very small pieces which may be left on the lawn. Grass clippings and leaves can also be bagged and used as mulch in vegetables gardens and around flowers, trees and shrubs.

## Burning Complaints

Persons with complaints about burning may contact the Newton Fire Department at 792-3347 for enforcement. Violations consist of:

- a. Any open burning which does not comply with Newton's open burning regulations.
- b. Any open burning which is determined by the Fire Department to be injurious to the health of occupants of surrounding property or which constitutes a hazardous condition; and
- c. Open burning of prohibited items which are garbage (waste which is the result of food preparation or consumption), tires, shingles and scrap lumber, building materials, packaging or other materials which are the result of commercial operations.

Violators are subject to a fine of **\$50** plus court costs for the first offense and **\$150** plus court costs for the second offense and up to **\$500** plus court costs for the third or subsequent offense.

Additional information about leaf disposal options can be obtained at the Newton Sanitary Landfill (792-3866) and at the Public Works Building, 1700 North 4th Avenue West (792-6622 ext 20).

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