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BRANCH

# Brush and Bulky Operations and Enforcement

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# Updated Communication Efforts

<http://farmersbranchtx.gov/1257/Green-Grabber-FAQs>

# GREEN GRABBER

# FAQ

# HOW DO I...?





## GREEN GRABBER FAQ

# WHEN IS MY SERVICE DAY?

YOUR GREEN GRABBER DAY IS  
THE SAME AS YOUR RECYCLING DAY

BULKY ITEMS ARE ONLY COLLECTED  
DURING THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF  
THE MONTH THAT STARTS ON A  
MONDAY

CLEAN BRUSH IS COLLECTED  
EVERY WEEK

MORE INFO & FULL SCHEDULE: [FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/BRUSHBULKY](http://FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/BRUSHBULKY)

FARMERS BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

MAY 2019

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## GREEN GRABBER FAQ

# HOW DO I REQUEST A SPECIAL PICKUP?

TO SCHEDULE A PICKUP OUTSIDE OF YOUR TYPICAL SERVICE DAY,  
CALL PUBLIC WORKS AT **972.919.2597**

SPECIAL PICKUPS ARE ON **WEDNESDAYS** DURING NON-BULK  
WEEKS AND MUST BE SCHEDULED BY TUESDAY AT 6PM

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## GREEN GRABBER FAQ

# WHAT IS THE CITIZENS COLLECTION CENTER



FARMERS BRANCH RESIDENTS MAY DROP OFF ANY NON-HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, FREE OF CHARGE, AT THE CITIZEN'S COLLECTION CENTER. PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED.

RECYCLING SERVICES, INCLUDING ELECTRONICS RECYCLING, ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CITIZENS COLLECTION CENTER.

**LOCATION: 1399 VALLEY VIEW LANE FARMERS BRANCH, TX**

**HOURS: THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SATURDAY 9AM-6PM**

**MORE INFO: [FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/TRASH](http://FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/TRASH)**



## GREEN GRABBER FAQ

# WHAT IS "CLEAN BRUSH"



✓ **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE  
CONSIDERED BRUSH:**

TREE LIMBS  
BRANCHES  
WOODY VINES  
SHRUBS  
STUMPS  
OTHER WOODY PLANTS

✗ **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE  
NOT CONSIDERED BRUSH:**

BAGGED GRASS OR LEAVES  
WOOD PALLETS  
LUMBER  
FENCE MATERIAL  
ANY TREATED WOOD

**DON'T MIX TRASH WITH BRUSH! IF TRASH IS COMINGLED WITH  
BRUSH, IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP DURING BRUSH WEEK!**

**MORE INFO: [FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/BRUSHBULKY](http://FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/BRUSHBULKY)**



## GREEN GRABBER FAQ

# WHY DIDN'T MY ITEMS GET PICKED UP?

### BLOCKED

SOMETIMES THE GREEN GRABBER CAN'T GET ITEMS BECAUSE THEY ARE BLOCKED BY A CAR OR TOO CLOSE TO A TREE, POWERLINE, FENCE, OR MAILBOX

### BAGGED

THE GREEN GRABBER DOESN'T PICK UP BAGS! BAGS MUST WEIGH LESS THAN 50 POUNDS AND PUT OUT FOR REGULAR TRASH PICKUP. SMALLER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND BRUSH SHOULD BE BAGGED AND PUT OUT WITH REGULAR TRASH.

### BULK

IF BRUSH IS MIXED WITH TRASH OR BULK ITEMS, IT WILL ONLY BE PICKED UP DURING BULK WEEK.

THE "3 B'S" ARE THE MOST COMMON REASONS WHY THE GREEN GRABBER LEAVES THINGS BEHIND, BUT THEY AREN'T ALL OF THEM!

LEARN MORE AT [FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/BRUSHBULKY](http://FARMERSBRANCHTX.GOV/BRUSHBULKY)





# FARMERS BRANCH GREEN GRABBER

## *When is My Service Day?*

**BULKY MATERIAL** is collected by the Green Grabber once a month during the first week that begins with a Monday.

The below calendar indicates bulk collection weeks.

Your bulk collection day is on the same day as your recycling day.

**CLEAN BRUSH** is collected every week. See reverse for accepted materials.

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\*July 4 items will be picked up on July 3

### JUNE

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### AUGUST

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## Refrigerator Magnet

### SEPTEMBER

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# TIPS TO ENSURE COLLECTION

## CLEAN BRUSH

- Clean Brush means tree limbs, branches, woody vines shrubs, stumps and other woody plants - no trash or bags
- During brush weeks, do not mix anything, including wood boards, fencing, or pallets with brush.
- Bagged leaves or grass must be put out with regular trash
- Do not tie or bundle brush together.

## GREEN GRABBER - BULK ITEMS

- Bulk items include furniture,
- Construction or demolition material (from residential projects ONLY) must be placed in containers, such as a Bagster.
- The Green Grabber does not pick up bags. Items placed in bags should be put out for regular trash pick up.

## FOR ALL PICKUP DAYS

- Make sure no vehicles are blocking access to material.
- Do not stack material underneath or too close to a tree, utility pole, fence, or other structure.



**FARMERS BRANCH CITIZEN COLLECTION CENTER**  
1399 Valley View Lane | THUR, FRI, SAT 9am - 6pm  
For Special Pickup Information Call 972.919.2597

City of Farmers Branch  
Sustainability & Public Health  
13000 William Dodson Pkwy  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

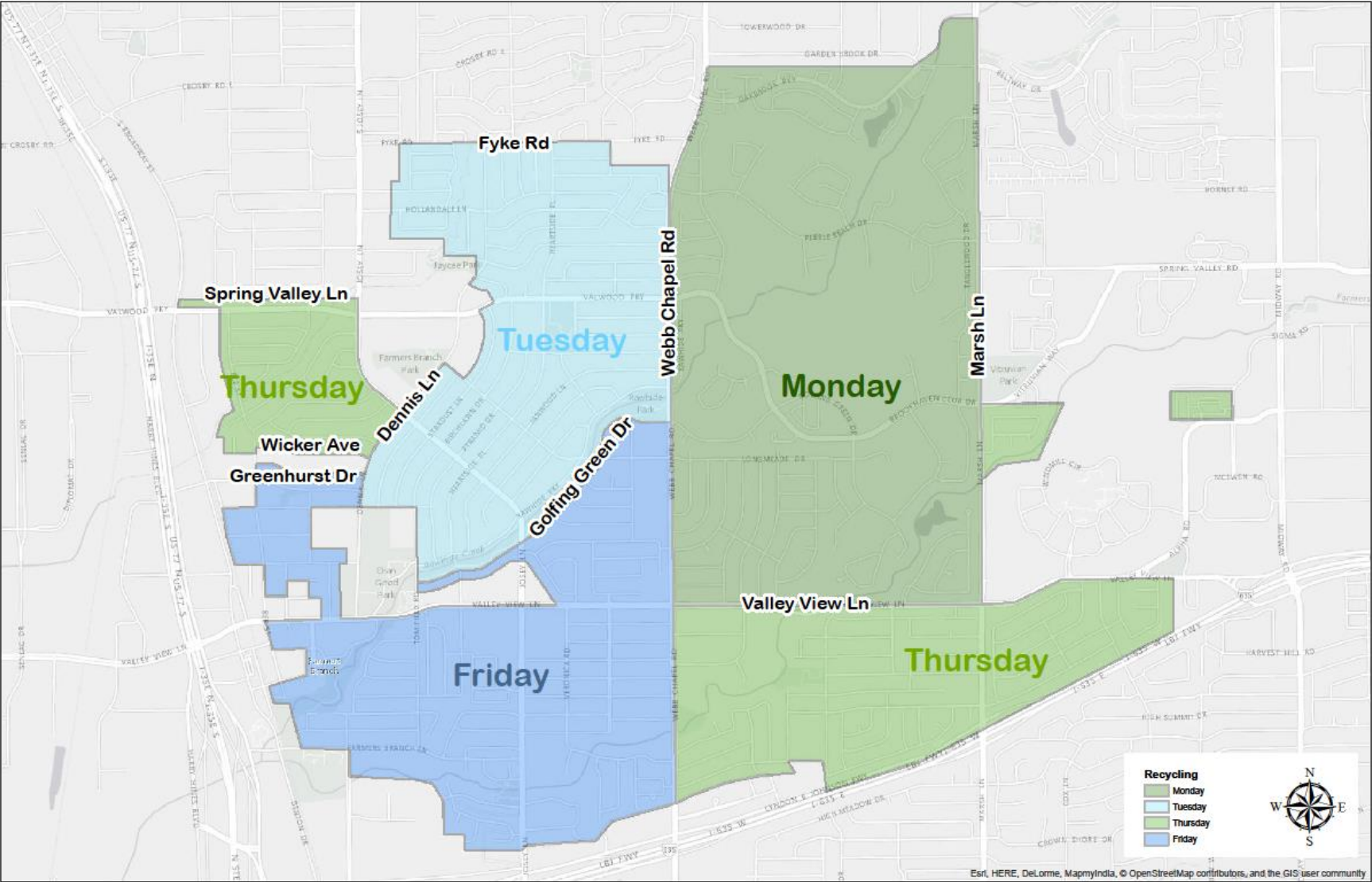
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# Brush and Bulky Collection

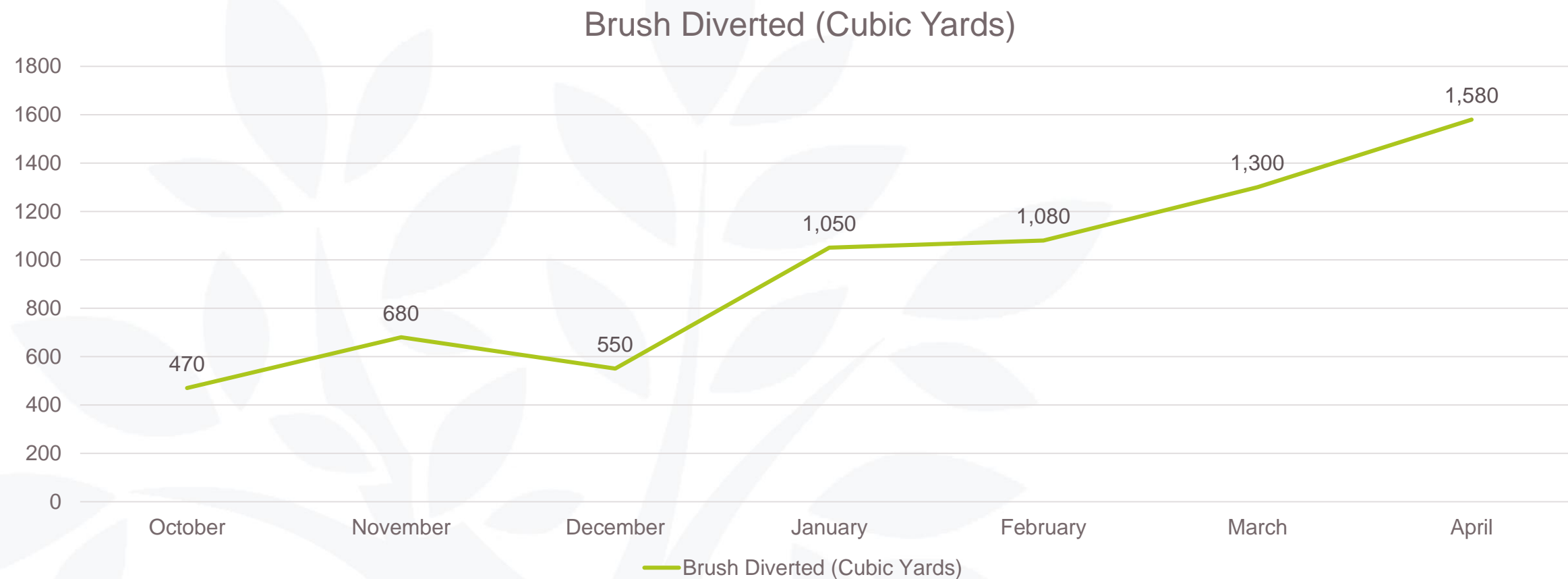
- 1 per month bulk collection
- Weekly brush collection; brush diversion occurs on non-bulk collection weeks
- Take all – no limit
- 5 routes – one for each weekday
- Special Pick ups are handled on Wednesday



# Current Schedule



# Volume of Brush Diverted from October 2018 – April 2019

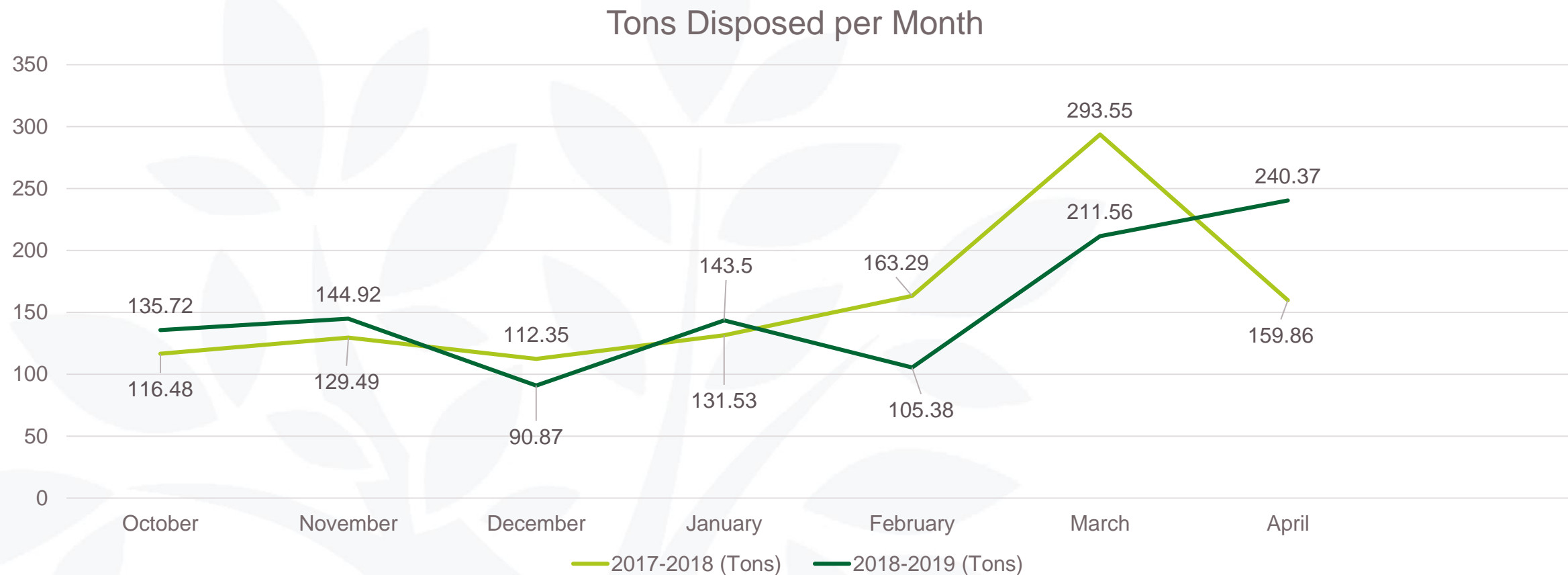


# Special Pickup Requests

- April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup> (2.5 weeks)
  - Bulk extra pick up requests: 170
- Number of households with more than 1 special pick up request since February 1: 10



# Residential Self Haul Disposal at Camelot Landfill



# Residential Disposal at Camelot Landfill

- Household that have repeatedly disposed of material at Camelot Landfill since Feb 1: 38
- These residents disposed of 379.82 tons
  - This is 68% of the total weight disposed by self haul residents since policy change

# Code Enforcement Alignment: Brush & Bulky

- February through March – Issued notices only
- One warning notice allowed every calendar year
- Second notice results in a citation - \$361
- **Policy Change:** Every address receiving a Notice or Citation is listed by Code Enforcement and sent to Sustainability to schedule a special pickup to move quickly to improve street aesthetics



# Code Enforcement Actions

Calendar Year	Issue	Notices	% of All Notices	Citations
2016	Trash Out Too Early	150	5%	4
2017	Trash Out Too Early	581	6.5%	22
2018	Trash Out Too Early	322	5%	12
2019 (2/1 thru 5/10)	<b>Bulk</b> Out Too Early	896	36%	32
2019 (2/1 thru 5/10)	Trash Out Too Early	105	4%	4

