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From The Ground Up

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City of Highland's Community Development Mission Statement:

To ignite positive change through orderly development and revitalization of quality construction while serving in a courteous professional, and ethical manner.

Spring Maintenance

With spring just around the corner, thoughts are turning to maintaining your yard. Whether it be that pile of leaves, fallen twigs and branches, or perhaps the gumballs from your tree, now is the time to clean up from winter's doldrums and prepare your yard for the remainder of the year. Those items are considered yard waste and can be disposed of several ways. You can make a compost area/bin for your yard and doing so will give you some nutritious soil compost that can be used for your flowers or garden. Here is a link to a site that tells you how you can build your own compost bin for about \$10.00. Go to <http://www.bigblogofgardening.com/a-homemade-compost-bin-for-ten-dollars/>

Your second option is that the city's trash hauler picks up landscape/yard waste as a part of the trash services provided. There are few rules to follow to ensure your yard waste items are picked up.

For limb pick up, no limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter or longer than 48 inches. All limbs must be bundled, shall not to exceed 24 inches in diameter and are to be placed where you normally set your trash for pickup. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clipping, trimmings, and garden waste which can be placed in a can no larger than 33 gallons or in a Kraft paper bag for pickup. If using a 33 gallon can for your yard waste, it must be marked with a large red X.

City of Highland regulations **prohibits** leaf burning and also **bans** you from placing/raking yard waste into the streets or ditches. Fines for violating run between \$50.00 and \$750.00 per day/per occurrence.

Planning is one of the functions the City of Highland is charged with under the state statutes (Chapter 65) in regards to making decisions about land use, zoning and future development. The City document created for this is called a Comprehensive Plan and the current plan was completed in 2006. The Combined Planning and Zoning Board is diligently working on the updating of the Comprehensive Plan and the consultant working with them is seeking input from the public via an online survey. This survey is available as a link on the City of Highland's website, www.highlandil.gov . Please contact Kevin Limestall, Chief Building and Zoning Official at 618 654 7115 or kimestall@highlandil.gov if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation.