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March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Residents,

The Village of Hoosick Falls is pleased to announce our **Spring Yard Clean-up** for April of 2023. This service is something that hasn't been offered in the Village for a long time, but had been requested by many residents. I'm grateful to the Board of Trustees for prioritizing this and for the Highway Department for planning and making this happen.

Because this is the first year doing it, ***we want to make sure it runs smoothly and effectively so that we can make this an annual service.*** Please review all of the rules and procedures carefully, as we want to make sure everything is safe for our Highway Department and because we are limited with what materials we can take.

-Robert Allen, Village Mayor

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### **Spring Yard Clean-Up**

**WHEN:** This will run Monday through Friday over the first two weeks in April: **April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>.** Collection will be done by our Highway Department during their normal working hours.

**WHAT:** Leaves, grass, and pine needles; brush, and branches under 4" in diameter.

- **Leaves, grass, and pine needles** must be put into biodegradable paper bags for proper disposal that doesn't harm the environment. These bags are often available at local hardware/grocery stores. *Nothing else must be put in these bags, or they will not be collected.*
- **Brush/Branches:** small sticks and branches must be 4" in diameter or less, and should not be any longer than 4 feet each. Please stick with only branches that came down from the winter weather, as we don't want to overload this system with new cuttings.
- **Each home is permitted one pile of brush.** The pile must not be larger than 4' wide, 6' long, and 4' high. *Please remember: no dirt, no stones, no root balls, no Christmas trees, no shrubs, etc.*

**WHERE:** All bags/piles must be left within 6 feet of the road, or they will not be collected.

**HOW:** This will work in a similar way the Village does leaf pickup in the fall.

- **Leaves/grass/needles in the biodegradable bags:** they will begin each day collecting these across the entire Village, so that paper bags aren't left out for more than a day.
- **Branches/brush piles:** The Highway Department will start in one location of the Village, and cycle through each ward until the entire Village is completed, and then start over. Some times they may be able to do the entire Village in a day; other times it may take them a few days to start over.

**Any questions:** please feel free to contact the Highway Department at 518-686-5186, or email DPW Superintendent Ken Holbrook directly at [kholbrookwwtp@gmail.com](mailto:kholbrookwwtp@gmail.com)