

# CITY OF CARO

## Brush Chipping

### **A friendly reminder on how to properly prepare your brush for chipping.**

The City of Caro's Department of Public Works (DPW) will be chipping brush a total of three times during the brush season which runs from April through October. The brush chipping will be the first Monday in May, third Monday in July and first Monday in October. All brush should be out for collection no later than 7:30 a.m. on pick up day.

In addition, the City dump located at Weeden Road, Caro, MI will be opened from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Saturday beginning the first Saturday in April until the last Saturday of November. In case of damage caused by a storm, the DPW Superintendent may open the dump to allow residents to clean up brush caused by such storm as staffing allows.

The DPW will pick up piles of brush up to four (4) feet wide and four (4) feet high by six (6) feet long. Brush is to be placed at the curbside no more than ten (10) days prior to the next pickup and it must contain branches less than 4 inches in diameter. When branches are placed at the curb, place the cut end toward the road edge and stack them neatly. The City will not pick up whole trees or large amounts of brush. You may want to consider a private contractor to remove trees or larger brush piles.

Caro City residents may take tree limbs, brush, and stones to the Emterra Environmental USA Landfill at 4151 South McMillan Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413, 989-658-2594.

Chipping is for limbs and any small debris lying on the ground after pick up is the responsibility of the homeowner.

If your brush was not picked up today, it was because of one or more of the following. Please take note of the problem and correct it for the next pick up. Thank you.

- Your pile of brush was larger than 4x4x6. Only that amount was taken. Longer limbs and branches are preferred, but should not be longer than one man can reasonably lift.
- Your branches were not placed neatly at the curb with the cut edges toward the road.
- You had one or more stumps or roots that will not go through the chipper or you placed small, spindly trimmings or chippings that will not go through the chipper.
- You had one or more branches that were twisted and gnarled or had a large "V" fork in them and would not go through the chipper.

Brush placed at the curbside before the ten (10) day period prior to pick up may be considered blight and will be handled as such. A ten (10) day blight notice will be mailed and if said brush remains on the curbside after the ten (10) day period, a private contractor will be hired by the city and the cost including a twenty dollar administrative fee will be invoiced back to the property owner.