



Department of Public Works

To: Milton Public Works Committee
From: Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works
Date: October 4, 2016
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Brush Collection Time Limits.

Summary

Our current policy for brush collection allows property owners to place brush at the curb without any limits on quantity. Recently, we had an incident where we collected brush at one site for 3.5 hours.

The concern is that with an anticipated increase next year in enforcement of the hazardous/dead tree ordinance due to the Emerald Ash Borer we will have this occur on a regular basis.

We would like to have a change in the policy that would have a one hour limit on brush collection for each scheduled collection time. After an hour, the owner would be charged for the cost of collection. We would not do work and then charge an owner. They would be notified before work began of the possibility of a cost. We rarely, at the present time, have a property that has over an hour of collection occur.

Recommendation

If the committee agrees with this policy change a resolution and/or ordinance change will be prepared for consideration.