



April 3, 2024

Re: Canopy/Right of Way trimming and Fire Wise debris collection

Dear Town of Briarcliffe Acres Property Owner:

The Town of Briarcliffe Acres, in cooperation with the South Carolina Forestry Commission, will conduct our annual Fire Wise collection on April 30. This popular event allows our residents the opportunity to discard their yard waste at the curb, have it hauled away, and to receive guidance in Fire Wise procedures which protect their homes and our community. The Town has received a grant from the South Carolina Forestry Commission to assist in the cost of this activity.

HOWEVER, TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THIS COLLECTION, OUR CONTRACTOR WILL BE CUTTING AND REMOVING ROADSIDE VEGETATION AND OVER HEAD CANOPIES ALONG OUR ROADWAYS. THIS WILL INVOLVE ALL ROADS, LANES, AND DRIVES IN BRIARCLIFFE FOR SAFETY AND EGRESS PURPOSES. THIS WILL BE AN AGGRESSIVE VENTURE THAT WILL ENTAIL CUTTING BRUSH, SMALL TREES, AND OTHER VEGETATION BACK 3 TO 6 FEET ON THE TOWN OWNED RIGHT OF WAYS. THE TOWN UNDERSTANDS THAT THE TOWN OWNED RIGHT OF WAYS CAN VARY FROM A COUPLE OF FEET TO 15 FEET FROM THE ROAD SIDE EDGE. EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE MADE TO AVOID DAMAGE TO RESIDENTS VEGETATION ON ADJACENT PROPERTY.

Yard waste will be recycled and may consist of the following: stockpiled backyard debris, tree branches no larger than 4 inches in diameter, dead plants and shrubs, raked debris from forest or yards, paper bags of debris, grass or leaves (maximum of 20 paper bags per lot).

On Tuesday, April 30, a contractor will collect debris with a backhoe and trucks and transport debris to the landfill. The operation will continue until the clean-up is finished. **All debris is to be placed by the edge of the road in front of your home. Small piles and loose leaves, grass, small limbs must be in paper bags. Retrieval is by mechanical means which will not work on small, loose debris. No debris is allowed to be placed in the medians – advise landscapers. If you have no other options, call the Town Office for permission to place in the median.**

The Town is able to hold this event from a grant issued; it is a matching grant, with the Town's costs matched up to a point, including volunteer hours. We ask that you record the hours it takes to clean your property and your landscaper's costs in preparation for this event. Your participation is vital in the success of the event. Please complete the attached form and return it to the Town office via email or the white wall box. The recorder sheets must be returned to the Town office **no later than Thursday, April 25. If we have not received your form, the debris will not be picked up from your lot.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and is key to a successful event.

The Town recognizes the need to remove yard waste as we have a permanent burning ban. The permanent burning ban was put into effect shortly after the 2009 Barefoot wildfires; the Town moved quickly to become a Fire Wise Community. This annual event is contingent upon grant money. You may choose to enroll in the voluntary yard debris program through GFL for weekly collection (application is on Town website under Services tab).

Sincerely,
Dave Buonviri, Mayor
Brian McIntyre, Councilman

**BRIARCLIFFE ACRES
YARD WASTE PICK-UP
DAY - PART OF THE
TOWN FIRE WISE EVENT
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024
Begin 8am**

Place tree branches (no larger than 4 inches in diameter, length does not matter), dead plants, shrubs, trimmings, or grass and leaves at the end of your driveway or curbside. Leaves and debris are to be bagged in paper. During the daylight working hours, a contractor with a backhoe will retrieve your waste and dispose of it. The contractor will collect on a street **ONLY ONCE**, so be sure to have your yard waste at the curb **before 8AM** on Tuesday, APRIL 30. The contractor will begin his route on South Gate Road and end on North Gate Road.

Please do not place your yard waste curbside prior to Tuesday, April 16th.

This service is provided by a matching grant which is matched by volunteer hours. Property owners are asked to keep track of their hours preparing for this event by clearing their yard (including their landscaper's hours and \$\$). Please complete and return the volunteer form by email or to the Town Office by April 25th. Your cooperation is appreciated so that the Town may maximize the benefit of the grant.

If you have questions, contact Jennifer 843.272.8863 or info@townofbriarcliffe.us





**BRIARCLIFFE ACRES FIRE WISE
ACTIVITIES MATCHING FUNDS
RECORDING SHEET-2024**

What qualifies for matching for Fire Wise grants? Any time or money you spend on your home and/or surrounding property for the purpose of reducing the probability of wildfire loss. Examples of activities that will qualify related to homes and outbuildings are: Fire Wise community events such as chipping day.

Removing leaves, trees, brush or clippings from around your home and yard. Leaves and woody debris can be either taken away by a contractor or you may wait to put on roadside for the Briarcliffe Acres Fire Wise event.

Clean gutters and roofs of pine needles and other debris; clear any combustible plants, shrubs, or bushes to a distance of three (3) feet from your home's foundation. Remove tree limbs that extend over your roof or deck. The following volunteer activities earn matching funds **for Briarcliffe Acres** at the rate of \$29.95 per hour:

To record **your time**, please complete the following with information requested:

Volunteer Activity	Date Performed	Hours Spent	Name(s)

To record your **contractor's costs**, please complete/attach the following:

Contractor Activity	Date Performed	Contractor \$ spent (att. invoice)

I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is accurate.

Print and Signature _____

Address/Phone _____

Date and email: _____

Return or email completed forms to the Town Office by APRIL 25th, 12pm.

You may place completed forms in the white box by the door. Email is preferred info@townofbriarcliffe.us.