

# YEW COLLECTION ADVICE SHEET 2014

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## Yew Material

- Species we collect:
  - All forms of *Taxus baccata* (English Yew), including;
    - Irish Yew (*Taxus baccata Fastigiata*)
    - Golden Forms of *Taxus baccata*
  - *Taxus x media* 'Hicksii'
- Clippings should be the latest season's growth only from plants that were also clipped last year. Where hedges are next to borders or stone paths it is often easier to cut onto sheets to keep them free from foreign matter. Stones are a particular problem for our processing machinery. Where the hedge is next to a grass lawn the clippings can be gently raked up without the need for a sheet.
- If either *Phytophthora ramorum* or *Phytophthora kernoviae* have been confirmed at your property, unfortunately we are not able to collect your clippings.

## Arranging Collection

- We collect from July until the end of the first week in October (mature growth has a much lower level of the desired compound).
- It is helpful if you can give us as much notice as possible of when you will be clipping your hedges so that we can schedule our collections and arrange for the clippings to be collected as soon as possible after clipping.  
**Office Telephone : 01302 700220      E-mail : yew@friendshipstates.co.uk**
- If clipping takes more than a week we can make weekly collections when we are collecting in the area.
- If clipping is delayed for any reason (e.g. inclement weather) please let us know so that we can reschedule our collections.
- If you require lengths of 1¼m wide sheets of plastic; tote bags or fans please let us know at least 1 week in advance of commencing clipping so that we can send these out to you.
- When you have finished clipping for the season, please inform the driver at the final collection. At this point we can collect any borrowed bags or fans and we will then be able to arrange for payment for the clippings to be sent to you.
- We collect mainly in long wheelbase vans; occasionally we collect in a 7.5 tonne class lorry (3.6m high, 2.8m wide). If this presents a problem with access to your site please let us know.

## Storage of the clippings

If kept cool, clippings can be kept for up to a week. However; if kept for a time in bags or large piles, the clippings may begin to heat up and ferment and the desired compound will be destroyed. Heating up must be avoided. Clippings which are hot and have changed colour are not wanted at all. We therefore suggest the following points:

- Store the clippings under cover, preferably in a cool building on a stone or concrete floor, no more than 30cm (1') deep. If this is not possible they can be spread at this depth on a tarpaulin or sheet outside, preferably in the shade.
- If the above storage methods are not possible, small electric fans can be borrowed from Friendship Estates. The fans draw air through the bags of clippings and help keep them fresh. Please contact our office to arrange.
- If the use of fans isn't suitable please contact the office to discuss; hopefully we can sort something out.
- If it is possible, bagging the clippings up on the day of collection prior to our drivers arriving would be a great help. We can send out bags in advance or leave some if we are collecting again. If it isn't possible, we can bag up the clippings when we arrive.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPLYING US WITH YOUR YEW CLIPPINGS**