

Public Work Benchmarks and Yard Waste Management Survey
MTAS Research and Information Center | November 2024



City	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email	Please enter data for your municipality below - Centerline miles of streets maintained (patching only)	Please enter data for your municipality below - FTEs dedicated to street maintenance.	Please enter data for your municipality below - Miles of roads/median mowing.	Please enter data for your municipality below - FTEs dedicated to mowing.	Please enter data for your municipality below - Linear feet of sidewalks maintained.	Please enter data for your municipality below - FTEs dedicated to sidewalk maintenance.	Please enter data for your municipality below - Square feet of buildings maintained.	Please enter data for your municipality below - Acres of parks/open space maintained.	Please enter data for your municipality below - FTE maintenance for park maintenance.	Is your city responsible for the disposal of yard waste from your citizens or businesses?	How many tons of yard waste are disposed of annually in your municipality?	How do you dispose of the yard waste collected? Select all that apply - Selected Choice	How do you dispose of the yard waste collected? Select all that apply - Other (please describe below) - Text	Do you open burn or use an incinerator? Select all that apply.	Which applies to how you handle the mulching of yard waste? (select all that apply) - Selected Choice	Which applies to how you handle the mulching of yard waste? (select all that apply) - Other (please describe below) - Text	What is the estimated cost per ton to do your own grinding (including labor and maintenance)?	How much per ton does the contractor charge to mulch the yard waste?	Does the contractor charge a mobilization fee to mulch the yard waste?	If your waste is ground, what do you do with the mulch once it's ground?
Athens	Ben	Burchfield	Public Works Director	bburchfield@athensga.gov	116 miles of local roads	4 in St Maintenance, 5 in St Construction	Maintain City street mileage as needed plus 7 miles of reimbursable TDOT ROW within City limits	3 operators and tractors	19 miles	No dedicated personnel to solely sidewalk maintenance. St Maintenance and Construction do repairs and new construction as necessary. St Cleaning handles vegetative control measures roughly twice per year or as necessary.	Not sure on Parks SF, so no answer on this. Parks & Rec dedicated maintenance staff for their facilities, no other dedicated maintenance personnel, handled by 3rd party service contracts	None	237 Acres across 12 parks	5 FTE maintenance for PAR	Yes	1804.5 tons	Mulch	We do not burn mulch	We do not burn mulch	Contractor	N/A	Our contract is not based on per-ton unit cost, it is based on an all-inclusive hourly rate of \$375.00/hour for 3-year contract term.	All costs are encapsulated in hourly unit cost.	Fuel and/or cover for stabilization
Atoka	Wesley	Yarbrough	Public Works Director	wyarbrough@townofatoka.com	72		15				2000	120	No											
Bristol	Wes	Ritchie	Director of Public Works	writchie@bristoltn.org	400	21	unknown	4	unknown	0	unknown	unknown	unknown	Yes	approx 3,00 tons	Landfill								n/a
Johnson City	Jason	Miles	Public Works Director	jmiles@johnsoncitytn.org	391	12			1,288,570 LF	10	1,150,584 SF (Municipal), 1,519,358 SF (Schools)	1,400 ac	29	Yes		Mulch			Own grinder					
Portland	Carlton	Cobb	Director of Public Works	ccobb@cityofportlandtn.gov	220	8	240	2	15	0	200,000	1	360	8	Yes	100	Burn,Mulch	Open burn,Incinerator	Own grinder	\$50,000				Pile it up
Red Bank	Greg	Tate	Public Works Director	gatae@redbanktn.gov	72	3	60	1	40000	2	20,000	1	60	0	Yes	450	Mulch,Other (please describe below)	Composting Facility	Contractor		\$32.20	No	Deposited with the contractor	
Sevierville	Doug	Tanwater	Engineering and Public Works Director	dtanwater@seviervilletn.org	172	21.4					328000	4.7		Yes	2500	Landfill,Burn		Incinerator						
Shelbyville	Buck	Vallad	Director of Public Works	buck.vallad@shelbyvilletn.org	150	20	40 miles	12	200000				2	80		Burn,Mulch		Open burn	Contractor					