Garden waste

Also see ‘Plant Swap’ in the Waste Toolkit A-Z

How can I recycle garden waste from my department?
Typically, the University Parks Department collects and recycles the departments’ green garden waste. The Parks Department takes the garden waste (grass, leaves and other plant waste) away for processing through a ‘biochopper’. The chippings are used to make compost on the University grounds. Woody waste is handled through large shredding machines and chipped to make wood mulch. The advantage of mulch is that it improves the soil, suppresses weeds, and retains moisture.

How can my department set up a garden waste collection?
It is very likely that your department already has an arrangement with the Parks Department to collect garden waste, as grounds maintenance is set up automatically when landscaping work is carried out for buildings. The Parks Department is involved in all aspects of landscaping work (planning, implementation, or both).
If for any reason the grounds maintenance is not already carried out by Parks, it is up to your departmental administrator to contact the Parks Department to arrange garden waste recycling collections.

Costs
Quotes can be provided by the Parks Department on request (please see Contacts at bottom of page).

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