

When the Sons of the Pioneers sing about a roaming cowboy drifting along with the tumbling tumbleweeds it doesn't sound too bad. But when those tumbling tumbleweeds pile up along fences, culverts and buildings it can get bad real fast.

Wind and tumbleweeds are a fact of life in Lyon County. Much like snow and rain, different properties can experience different amounts of tumbleweed accumulation based on their location, layout, and orientation to the wind. Unfortunately the responsibility for dealing with tumbleweeds falls to residents and property owners who probably didn't grow them but just happen to be downwind when the tumbling stops.

If you happen to be one of those residents/property owners where tumbleweeds have a propensity to accumulate there are several ways to dispose of them. For much of the year (October-May) you may be able to get a burn permit to dispose of vegetation on your property. Information on burn permits issued by the Central Lyon County Fire Protection District can be found at: <https://centrallyonfire.org/programs/burn-permits/> Residents of other Fire Protection Districts should call or check their District's website for information. You can also take them to the landfill or put them in your garbage bin. Please remember that the trash company won't pick up material that is not inside the bin. Don't pile your tumbleweeds next to your garbage bin—they will not get picked up. In severe or unique situations Lyon County and the Fire Districts may work with the community to help everyone out.

Be a good neighbor—dispose of your tumbleweeds and help your neighbors take care of theirs. We can't make them stop, but we can work together to deal with them.



