

## Public Works Department - Leaf Pickup

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### LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR FALL

The Fall Leaf Collection Program is scheduled to begin during the second full week of October.

Residents must place their leaves on the parkway, not on the street. If leaves are placed on the parkway after the Village crews have gone by, they will not be picked up until the following week. Crews start at 7:00 a.m. and work until 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE HELPFUL GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THAT THIS SERVICE MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE QUICKLY, SAFELY, AND EFFICIENTLY.

- PLACE LEAVES on the parkway parallel to the street and approximately 12 inches behind the curb or edge of pavement. Leaves CAN NOT be placed in the street or in the curb/gutter. Leaves placed in the street WILL NOT be collected until they have been placed back on the parkway behind the curb or edge of pavement. This will obstruct the flow of storm water runoff during rain events AND cause street flooding.
- DO NOT INCLUDE ANY DEBRIS SUCH AS GRASS, GARDEN MATERIALS, BRUSH, CANS, PAPER, BOTTLES, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, ANIMAL FECES, ETC. These foreign materials can cause damage to equipment and cause injury to the leaf collection personnel. Leaf piles that have any of these materials mixed in with leaves WILL NOT be collected.
- DO NOT PLACE LEAVES BEHIND OBSTACLES SUCH AS: parked vehicles, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, streetlights, etc.

Residents are also encouraged to utilize alternative options to this program. These options are:

- In some neighborhoods where trees are not mature, utilize a mulching lawnmower and mulch leaves back into the lawn. This provides nutrients for the soil.
- Place mulched leaves in and around plant beds and under trees and shrubs. Again this provides good nutrients for the soil, plants, and provides insulation for the plants.
- Utilize the yard-waste collection program. This program ends on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 815-553-2321.



**The correct way to place leaves for pickup.**



**The wrong way to place leaves for pickup.**