



City of Grosse Pointe

Leaf collection process starts

October 19, 2020



Leaf collection season is here. The City uses its garbage trucks to collect leaves by brooming them from the street up a chute into the back of the vehicle.

The most important aspect of this program is to *only rake leaves into the street just before pickup* to ensure the streets and catch basins remain clear.

Please also remove cars from the street on collection day.

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS

To ensure that leaf collection works efficiently and safely, please follow the procedures outlined below:

- Leaves can be loose or bagged (in paper bags only) and placed in neat piles on the street next to the curb after 4:00 pm on the day before your scheduled pick up. **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO STREET UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PICKUP DATE.**
 - **The leaf collection period will run from October 19 through December 4.** Leaves will not be picked up after December 4 due to equipment availability.
 - See the map for your collection day each week of the leaf season. Check the schedule and notify your leaf contractor to coordinate with the weekday your leaves will be collected. Contractors must not put leaves in the street before your collection day.
 - **Any leaves remaining after December 4** must be bagged, stored and put out when the yard waste pickup begins again in the Spring. Failure to do so may result in an ordinance enforcement action.
 - Avoid piling leaves over storm drains. This will reduce the potential for storm drains becoming clogged and reduce the instances of temporary street flooding during heavy rain.
 - Street Parking is **not allowed** on leaf collection day. Any obstructions such as motor vehicles (resident's, neighbors, and visitors), construction vehicles, etc. will be by-passed and **not** picked up until the following regularly scheduled pick-up date.
- Leaf piles that are inaccessible or remaining on the parkway grass area cannot be collected. Due to equipment and manpower demands, leaves not collected on the scheduled day will be collected the following week.
 - Do not allow children to play in leaf piles on or near the street because it puts them in danger of vehicular traffic.
 - During leaf pickup, please do not use yard waste containers or place yard waste out for collection on rubbish or recycling day. Yard waste can be mixed in with leaves.
 - Branches and limbs may be neatly placed (all facing the same direction) at the curb on leaf collection day. Limbs shall not exceed 6 feet in length and should not be mixed in with leaves.
 - Please note there will be no leaf collection on Mack Avenue or the alley. Adjacent residents must place leaves at curbside in front of homes.

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT LEAF COLLECTION

When will leaf collection start?

The leaf collection period runs from mid-October through November. This year, the start date is set for **Oct. 19** and end on **Dec. 4**. Leaves put out after your collection day during the first week of December **WILL NOT** be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

When will my leaves be collected?

Listed on the back page is the Fall 2020 leaf pick-up schedule (please turn flyer over).

The most environmentally friendly way to recycle yard waste is to compost it on your own property. This eliminates the resources necessary to transfer yard waste off site. Compost makes excellent soil that can be used in your garden and on your lawn. To avoid odor problems, however, composting must be done correctly. You may contact City Hall for further information on how to start your own compost pile.

Where do I place leaves for collection?

To collect leaves in a timely and efficient manner, leaves must be placed on the street in neat piles next to the curb after 4 p.m. the day before pickup but before 7:30 a.m. the day of pickup. Do not place leaves into the middle of the street blocking traffic. Leaves may be “stored” in the grassy parkway area between the curb and sidewalk so residents can easily rake those leaves into the street the evening prior to pickup. In order to minimize traffic obstructions and blocked storm drains, leaves may not be stored in the street before 4 p.m. the day before pickup. *Leaves must be placed on your collection day or pickup will not occur.*

What if a car is parked in front of a leaf pile?

Leaves not accessible to the broom equipment will be collected the following week. Due to the size of the crew and the amount of equipment used, it will not be possible to go back to pick up leaves between regularly scheduled times.

Will my normal household rubbish collection change?

No. There will be no change in your current household rubbish & recycling collection.

**Note -The pickup for Thurs. Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving) will take place on Mon. Nov. 30.*

2020 PICKUP SCHEDULE

Monday

1. Cranford Lane South side
2. Village Lane
3. Cadieux
4. Loraine
5. Fisher Road
6. All streets south of Jefferson
(**Sycamore** must bag their leaves due to brick pavers being damaged by equipment)
(**Island Lane** residents must place leaves on the house side of the street and not along wooden fence)

Tuesday

1. Notre Dame
2. St Clair
3. Neff Road
4. GP Court
5. Neff Lane
6. Cranford Lane North side

Wednesday

1. Lakeland
2. University
3. Rivard
4. Main streets are done block by block during regular scheduled leaf pick up

Thursday *

1. Washington
2. Lincoln
3. Roosevelt/Charles
4. Main streets are done block by block during regular scheduled leaf pick up

