



City of Grosse Pointe

Leaf collection process starts

October 20, 2014



This is the sixth year of the broom and chute loose-leaf collection program. The main objective of the program is to increase the level of service to City residents and to have a weekly scheduled leaf pick-up.

The results of the program for the last few years far exceeded our expectations. With more than 2,100 households in the community, the broom and chute loose-leaf collection method reduced the overall time spent vacuuming leaves by city crews.

Although curbside leaf collection provides convenience, there is no perfect method. Some challenges are parked cars, loose piles of leaves scattered by wind, and increased sewer blockages. In addition, there are areas of the City that require unique collection procedures due to narrow streets, no driveways for vehicles, etc. In certain areas, traffic may have to be re-routed or traffic lanes reduced so crews can work expeditiously and safely. The most important aspect of helping this program continue to work is to only rake into the street just before pickup to ensure the streets remain clear.

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are necessary for this program to be a success:

- Leaves can be loose or bagged (in paper bags only) and placed in neat piles on the street next to the curb after 4pm 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 mid-October through the mid-December (exact dates are dictated by weather conditions).
- Any leaves remaining after the last pickup must be bagged 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.
- Branches and limbs may be neatly placed (all facing the same direction) at the curb on leaf collection day. Limbs shall not exceed 6 ft. in length.
- 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-up date is scheduled for **Oct. 20** and end on **Dec. 4**. Leaves put out after your collection day the week of Dec. 4 **WILL NOT** be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

When will my leaves be collected?

Listed on the back page is the Fall 2014 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. 27 (Thanksgiving) will take place on Mon. Dec 1.*

2014 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

