

CITY OF GREEN BAY FALL LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION

The City of Green Bay Department of Public Works will begin its fall curbside collection of loose leaves and garden waste on Monday, October 10, 2016. This material can NOT be placed to the curb prior to Monday, October 3, 2016. **Loose leaves and yard waste placed to the curb before October 3, 2016 is subject to collection fees.**

Loose leaves and garden waste material should be placed on the terrace (**not in the street**) and **should NOT be co-mingled with brush**. Bagged material or co-mingled material will not be picked up. Please pile loose leaves in an open area of terrace away from trees, posts and mailboxes to assist in speedy collection and to minimize damage to equipment.

Weather permitting, collection will continue for six (6) weeks and end on Friday, November 18, 2016. All leaves and yard waste left for collection must be out to the curb no later than Sunday, November 13. After November 18, residents must dispose of their own yard waste. Yard waste left at the curb after November 18, 2016 is subject to collection fees.

Residents are reminded that raking leaves into the street increases pollution of storm water and may cause flooding by blocking drainage structures. Most importantly, piles of leaves in the street are a dangerous attraction to young children.

It is not possible to accurately tell residents the exact day their yard waste will be picked up, but once collection begins, you may contact the Department of Public Works - Operations Division at 448-3535 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, to find out what area crews are working in and how they are progressing. Information is also available on the City's website at www.greenbaywi.gov.

City yard waste sites are located at 2530 East Shore Drive on the east side and at 1470 Hurlbut Street on the west side. The sites will remain open through November weather permitting. Hours of operation are **DAILY FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL SUNSET**. During the winter, the yard waste sites will be open **SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ONLY** from 8:00 AM until sunset.

A Green Alternative: Leave 'em Lay!

As an alternative to raking leaves to the curb, residents are encouraged to try chopping up moderate amounts of leaves with a lawnmower. This can be done during normal lawn mowing. Just don't allow the leaves to mat and make sure that ample grass shows through them. This will save you work and time, add nutrients to your lawn, reduce windblown leaves in your neighborhood and reduce the amount of labor and fuel the City needs to use for leaf collection. If you really like to rake, composting your leaves in a backyard garden is another alternative which will provide you useful organic material next year.

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