

# CITY OF GREEN BAY LEAFYARD WASTE COLLECTION



The Department of Public Works will collect leaves from October through November. Residents are encouraged to complete raking by mid-



November to avoid problems with snowfall. This 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 if possible to assist in speedy collection and to minimize damage to your property and equipment.

Residents are reminded that raking leaves into the street increases pollution of storm water that drains to our waterways and may cause street flooding by blocking drainage structures. Most importantly, piles of leaves in the street are a dangerous attraction to young children. It also causes a problem with parking in the street when the leaves are raked into the parking lane.



Crews will collect loose leaves and garden wastes throughout the City by following a regular rotation. Depending on the volume of yard waste out for

collection, it will take 2 to 4 weeks to make a complete cycle through the City.

Every street will have at least two (2) collections. During the first pass, crews will vacuum loose leaves and clear potentially hazardous situations. The second pass features a more thorough cleaning.

Snow and ice can disrupt the leaf collection schedule. Expect delays when snow/ice storms are predicted.

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 <http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/publicworks/operations> navigate to Yard Waste tab, click on Loose Leaf Pickup Table (Seasonal)

Residents can take their yard waste, grass clippings, brush and leaves to the two (2) City operated yard waste sites.

## City Yard Waste Sites

**East Side:**  
2530 East Shore Drive



**West Side:**  
1470 Hurlbut Street

The sites will remain open through November weather permitting. Hours of operation are **DAILY 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 with useful organic material next year.



## Mulching

Leaves can provide nutrients for your lawn by being mulched into the soil. A mulching lawn mower blade will shred the leaves allowing them to fall into the grass, decompose and be ready to feed your lawn next year. Flower beds like leaves too. The leaves provide winter mulch to protect the plants and richer soil in the spring.



## Composting



Composting, often described as nature's way of recycling, is the biological process of breaking up of organic waste such as leaves and grass clippings into extremely useful

humus-like substance. Simple compost bins can be constructed of snow fence or chicken wire. Most home improvement stores carry plastic bins designed for home use.

## Leaves and Storm Inlets Don't Mix

When preparing your leaves for collection, do not place the leaves in the street. The storm sewer system plays a vital role in protecting our properties and streets from flooding during a rain event.



driving conditions.

Clogged storm inlets can lead to numerous problems. Leaves can block proper water flow into storm inlets resulting in drainage problems, flooded streets and dangerous

Help protect your property and street from flooding by keeping the leaves off the street and.....



keep the storm inlet grates free of debris.

This will also help keep the outfalls that drain to our waterways free of pollutants.



Doing your part for the environment is incredibly important, for the present and the future. Help keep our community clean and green.

### Other Suggestions For Your Neighborhood ...

"Storm Inlet Marking"

"Adopt A Storm Inlet"

"Protecting Our Greenways"

"Adopt A Pond"

"Adopt A Ditch"

"Adopt A Creek"



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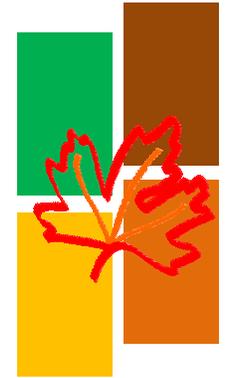
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Help  
Keep Our Community  
Clean and Green



What Touches The Ground  
Enters The Waters