

FALL LEAF COLLECTION SET TO START ON OCTOBER 16

The 2017 Fall leaf collection is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 16. The success of this program depends on the efforts of the Wyckoff DPW, favorable weather conditions and the cooperation of Wyckoff homeowners. The information offered here will help to make the operation as efficient as possible.

The crews will begin the first round of leaf collection in District 1 on Monday, October 16. When District 1 is finished, they will continue the collection in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in that order. If you have a question about your leaf collection district, refer to the street index in the municipal calendar or on Wyckoff on the Web, wyckoff-nj.com. Round one usually proceeds quickly and takes only 1 to 2 weeks. Due to the larger amount of leaves, the second and third rounds require more time.

The cutoff date for curbside collection is December 1, 2017. This is the final date to rake your leaves to the curb. After this date, residents must bring their leaves to the Recycling/Conservation center at 476 West Main Street for disposal.

STATE-MANDATED REGULATIONS

In 2004, the Township was required to adopt and enforce NJ Department of Environmental Protection rules that prohibit placing leaves in roadways or within 10 feet from any storm sewer drain. The NJDEP mandated regulations ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act. These regulations require the Township to prevent leaves and debris on roadways from entering the storm sewers, which lead to our public water-ways. The NJ DEP mandated rules prohibit placing leaves:

- On the paved roadway. (Residents are responsible for instructing their landscapers about this mandate.)
- Closer than 10 feet from any storm sewer drain.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN THE LEAF CREWS WILL BE IN YOUR DISTRICT?

The Township will continue to post daily updates on the progress of the leaf collection on wyckoff-nj.com, to help residents plan to schedule their landscaper to place their leaves at the edge of their lawn just before the dates that DPW crews may be in their district. Register your email address at the site registration link and receive updates directly. Remember, Mother Nature does not allow this to be an exact science, so we ask that residents be patient.

During an average autumn leaf fall, the Township collects more than 35,000 cubic yards of leaves. That's enough to cover a football field end zone to end zone with a blanket of leaves 20 feet deep.

Important leaf collection reminders for homeowners:

- **Leaf piles must not contain branches or twigs, which clog vacuum hoses and slow the collection process. If your leaves contain branches or twigs, they will not be collected, as they will cause damage to our equipment.**
- Rake leaves to the edge of your lawn and spread along the entire frontage.
- Leaves must be at least 10 feet from storm sewer drains.
- Residents should instruct their landscaper not to place leaves in the street.
- Do not park vehicles in the street during leaf collection.
- Do not park vehicles on leaves as the heat from the car's engine could start a fire.
- Instruct children not to play in leaves at the edge of your lawn.

Following these guidelines will help avoid delays. Residents can also help speed the process by bringing their leaves to the Recycling/Conservation Center at 476 West Main Street rather than waiting for curbside pick-up. The goal of this effort is to remove leaves before the first snow fall or prior to December 1st, whichever comes first. To facilitate collection, we encourage residents to rake leaves as early in the fall as possible. Your cooperation and patience in this effort is greatly appreciated.