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Harrisonburg Public Works releases 2024 leaf collection service schedule

HARRISONBURG, Va. – With leaves changing and beginning to fall across the community, Harrisonburg Public Works is preparing to begin leaf collection services.

Annual curbside leaf collection will start Nov. 12, with collection dates stretching through mid-December. Collection will take place as weather allows during this period.

Participating residents are asked to have leaves out by Monday of their scheduled week to guarantee collection. Streets will be done only once per scheduled week. Leaves must be raked to the back of the curb, not to extend more than 10 feet into the yard and there are to be no leaves placed into the street. Vehicles should not be parked around the leaves to allow for collection.



Harrisonburg Public Works will begin collecting leaves starting on Nov. 12, weather-permitting. (Above) An example of the proper placement of a leaf pile for collection, with no more than 10 feet behind the road/curbside, for leaf collection services.

Leaf Collection Schedule:

West Side of Main Street & Forest Hills

- Nov. 12 to Nov. 15 (excludes holidays)
- Nov. 25 to Nov. 27 (excludes holidays)
- Dec. 2 to Dec. 6

East Side of Main Street & Fairway Drive

- Nov. 18 to Nov. 22
- Nov. 25 to Nov. 27 (excludes holidays)
- Dec. 9 to Dec. 13

Community members who have leaves that need to be collected before or after the Harrisonburg Public Works collection period are asked to place their leaves in a biodegradable bag or 35-gallon or less container with no liner for assigned Wednesday Bulk Trash Day pickup. Leaves not properly placed for pickup will be subject to a violation fee. Leaves also may be placed in biodegradable bags and taken to the Recycling Convenience Center, 2055 Beery Road, during open hours, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, excluding holidays.

Leaves will not be picked up by the vacuum truck if there is excessive grass, limbs, branches, etc. mixed with leaves, no exceptions.

“We are happy to offer leaf collection services this year to community members who wish to have their leaves picked up and thank the community in advance for properly placing their leaves for pickup behind the curb,” Public Works Outreach and Communication Specialist Brittany Clem-Hott said. “Proper leaf placement ensures consistency for our crews and helps reduce stormwater issues in the city, keeping leaves out of our stormwater drains.”

Public Works also would like to encourage residents to consider alternative methods of leaf maintenance such as mulching leaves on the lawn by mowing them, helping avoid leaves smothering the lawn, but leaving the leaves as they fall in perennial beds, under tree canopies, around shrubs, and some ground covers. By mowing lawn leaves, residents may benefit their home greenspace by reducing noise, greenhouse gases, creating compost that enriches soil, reducing air pollution, providing winter shelter for beneficial organisms and more.

Questions relating to leaf collection services may be directed to Public Works at 540-434-5928.

*The **City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,990 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.*

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