

City of Canandaigua 2015 Fall Leaf Collection Program



City crews will begin collecting loose leaves, city wide on Monday, November 2, 2015 and will continue through the month of November. In a typical year we complete two full cycles through the city. We do, however, attempt to apply our crews each day to the areas with the most leaves ready for pick-up. Our progress each day is dependent on how we assign our crews, the volume of leaves prepared for pick-up and the weather. You may track our progress on the City's web site at www.canandaiguanewyork.gov.

The City utilizes a leaf collection machine that will vacuum the leaves from the lawn area adjacent to the pavement. Wet leaves require more time to collect with this machine than dry leaves, and slows the progress of the pick-up program.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER loose leaves must be placed on the grassy area between the sidewalk and curb/pavement edge only. DO NOT rake leaves into the street. The leaf collection machine will vacuum the leaves from the lawn area adjacent to the pavement. It is imperative not to mix rocks, sticks, bags, litter, etc. with the leaves as this will clog the machine and may contaminate our environmental leaf processing. Collected leaves are composted and land spread in future years.

Raking leaves into the street can cause the storm drains to become plugged, leading to flooding. Because most of the storm drains empty into Canandaigua Lake via Sucker Brook, leaves in the street also become a source of phosphorus that contributes to the growth of algae in the lake.

CONTAINERIZED: April through October: Leaves placed separately in a can (32 gallon max.) or biodegradable bag at curbside will be collected with the weekly brush collection. Leaves in plastic bags or boxes will not be collected.

During the months of November, December, January, February and March, residents must call the Department of Public Works at 396-5060 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, to request collection of garden and yard waste, which will be done on Fridays only.

Please note that leaves collected other than in the month of November must be placed separately in a can/receptacle or biodegradable brown paper bag for collection. Placement of loose leaves in the street right-of-way after the month of November will constitute a violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance.

Any questions regarding the 2015 Leaf Collection Program should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 396-5060 from 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.