LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM - 2021

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



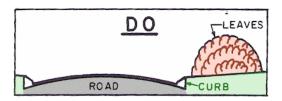
WHEN WILL THE LEAF PROGRAM BEGIN?

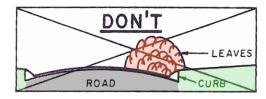
The program will begin on <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 1, 2021</u>. Leaves should be raked to the curb by this date to ensure collection. Do not be alarmed if you see DPW crews out the week before this date. They are testing the vacuum equipment and training our temporary leaf laborers.

WHEN WILL OUR LEAVES BE COLLECTED?

All streets in the Town of Vernon have been divided into 3 groups. Group A streets will be collected first and completed before leaf crews move on to Group B streets and so on. This program is dependent on weather. Under good conditions, we expect to complete a group of streets in 1-2 weeks. Rain, snow or freezing temperatures will delay the program.

Do not rake leaves into the street or onto the sidewalk. This is a safety and flooding hazard as well as a violation of Ordinance No. 235, Sec. 7-20 and is punishable by a fine of \$100.





HOW MANY PASSES WILL THERE BE THIS YEAR?

All streets are guaranteed at least one pass. If time permits, there will be a second pass. Residents are at their own risk whether to wait for a second pass or to bag their leaves for pickup on either of the first two Fridays in December.

OTHER OPTIONS?

Residents may either transport their leaves to a designated leaf bin or bag them for pickup by DPW crews in December. Leaves may be bagged using either the biodegradable paper bags OR plastic lawn & leaf bags.

WHEN WILL THE BAGGED LEAVES BE COLLECTED?

Bagged leaves will be collected the <u>first two Fridays in December</u>. Please call the Public Works Office at 860-870-3500 to schedule a pickup of bagged leaves.

WHEN WILL LEAF BINS OPEN?

Leaf bins are open for the convenience of residents and are open in early October. Contamination caused by disposal of brush, bags, grass clippings or any other debris will result in these leaf bins being shut down.

- **NYE STREET** At the firehouse off West Street. Bin will be marked.
- **CHURCH STREET** In the bike trail parking area. Bin will be marked.
- LEGION FIELD Off Regan Road at rear of parking lot. Bin will be marked.

Please be aware of some delays that are beyond our control - leaf fall timeframe, weather conditions, holidays. "Mother Nature" plays a big role in our leaf program!