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Annual Leaf Collection Begins in City

Harrisonburg, VA – With the fall season in full swing, the Public Works Department will soon begin collecting falling leaves.

The annual curbside leaf collection will begin **November 3** and continue for six weeks depending upon the weather.

Collection Schedule:

West Side of Main Street & Forest Hills	East Side of Main Street and Fairway Drive
November 3-7	November 10-14 (excluding holidays)
November 17-21	November 24-28 (excluding holidays)
December 1-5	December 8-12

The leaf collection truck will run the routes listed above for the designated dates one time per week.

Guidelines for collection:

- Residents are asked to rake their leaves out to the curb or edge of the roadway.
- Leaves will not be picked up if there is excessive grass, limbs, branches, trash, etc. mixed with the leaves. No exceptions.
- Leaves need to be raked to the back of the curb, not to extend more than five feet into your yard.
- Please do not rake the leaves into the street.
- Please do not park vehicles around leaves.

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Those in need of leaf collection before or after the designated date in their neighborhood are asked to place leaves in a biodegradable bag of 35 gallon container without a liner for your assigned [Wednesday yard debris and bulk collection](#).

It is important to for the city to work with the residents in collecting the leaves because storm drains are designed to empty directly into creeks and rivers and receive no treatment. Fallen leaves that are blown or washed into city streets can plug storm drains, flooding the roads and properties. When too many decomposing leaves enter the storm drains and creeks, unnaturally high levels of nutrients, like phosphorus, create an imbalance in our creeks and rivers that can harm wildlife.

Additional information about the annual leaf collection is available at www.Harrisonburgva.gov/leaf-collection-schedule.

Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at 540-434-5928.

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