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City Prepares for Annual Leaf Collection

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Public Works Department will soon begin its annual leaf collection in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 31 and depending on the weather, should be completed by the beginning of December.

The city is separated into east and west sections with leaf trucks assigned to each section on alternating weeks.

West Side of Main Street and Forest Hills	East Side of Main Street and Fairway Drive
October 31 – November 4	November 7 – November 10 (excluding holiday)
November 14 – November 18	November 21 – November 23 (excluding holiday)
November 28 – December 2	December 5 – December 9

Residents are asked to rake their leaves out to the curb or the edge of the roadway. For six weeks, the Public Works Department uses a fleet of dump trucks equipped with leaf boxes and vacuums (*pictured below*) and a leaf collection vehicle to collect the leaves. The collected leaves are taken to an approved disposal site and by doing this, the city is removing leaves that could potentially clog the city’s storm sewers or pollute the waterways.

Guidelines for collection:

- Citizens are asked to rake their leaves out to the curb or the edge of the roadway.
- Leaves will not be picked up if there is excessive grass, limbs, branches, trash, etc. mixed in with the leaves.
- Leaves need to be raked to the back of the curb and not extend more than five feet into your yard.
- Please do not rake leaves into the street or park vehicles around leaves.

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Before and after these leaf collection dates, residents are asked to place leaves in a biodegradable bag or 35 gallon container with no liner for regular assigned Wednesday [yard debris and bulk collection](#).

Additional information on the annual leaf collection can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/leaf-collection-schedule. Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at 540-434-5928.



The Harrisonburg Public Works Department maintains more than 300 lane miles, 42.37 miles of public sidewalk, 250 miles of curb and gutter, and hundreds of acres of city right-of-way. The Department strives to ensure a safe, clean, and clear passageway for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. More information about street and sidewalk maintenance is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-works.



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