

## General Leaf Collection Program Questions/Answers:

- **Can I mulch or compost my leaves?** – YES, you can successfully handle leaves on your own parcel in many cases. Link to this website to learn more about how to do this successfully: <http://www.leleny.org/p/homeowners.html>

You can talk to neighbors, garden clubs, and other landscaping resources about how to use leaves in a number of garden applications that will help reduce the environmental footprint of the Town's leaf collection program.

- **Can I bag my leaves?** – YES, you can put your leaves in biodegradable paper bags. This can keep leaves from blowing around on windy days and keep them out of drainage structures.
- **Where are leaves collected?** – Public leaf collection is provided to properties only on public streets in building zones R-20 (half acre) and below.
- **When?** – Typically during a 6-8 week period from mid-November to mid-December, depending on leaf fall, weather conditions, and possible storm impacts.
- **Where should leaves be put?** – In areas of public collection, leaves are to be raked into piles at the shoulder of the road, off the pavement. Avoid raking leaves onto pavement, sidewalks, catch basin grates, and open channels. Leaves can cause these drainage structures to flood during rainy periods – help us keep leaves out of our stormwater system!
- **What can't be collected?** – Sticks, branches, and garden refuse will NOT be collected. Plastic bags are not accepted – bags must be biodegradable.
- **How do I know when my street will be collected?** – Consult this web page each Fall for the schedule or call the Leaf Collection Information Line – **203-618-7698**.