

Fall Leaf Collection 2020

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NOTICE OF FALL LEAF COLLECTION

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Leaf Collection is to be provided to all properties on PUBLIC STREETS ONLY in building zones R-20 (half-acre) and below. The Leaf Collection Program is conducted for a 6 to 8 week period from Mid-November to Mid-December, and may be adjusted, at the discretion of the Town, in the event of adverse weather conditions. Weather permitting, the Town will provide two (2) collections per numeric section during the Leaf Collection Program. When a section has received its second collection, all material placed thereafter is in violation of State of Connecticut, General Statutes, Chapter 368m, Sec. 19a-335, Nuisances on Highways and it will be incumbent upon the residents to remove all residual leaf piles. On average, the Town removes in excess of 30,000 cubic yards of leaves each year.

Residents in the collection areas are to rake **LEAVES ONLY** into piles at the shoulder, off the pavement of the road. Residents are requested to avoid raking leaves onto the pavement, sidewalks, catch basin grates and open channels, which cause drainage and flooding problems during periods of rain. Sticks, branches and garden refuse will not be collected.

To help keep leaves under control, we encourage residents to place leaves in BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS and place them for collection at the curb. NO PLASTIC BAGS OF LEAVES WILL BE COLLECTED. We also encourage residents to mulch their leaves and leave them in place, where appropriate. Residents have reported this has improved their lawns and it reduces the environmental footprint associated with collection, hauling, and composting elsewhere. Much helpful information is available on this approach can be found on this website: <http://www.leleny.org/p/homeowners.html>

Twenty four (24) hour Leaf Collection Scheduling Information is available by calling the Leaf Collection Hotline Number: **(203) 618-7698**. Depending on rapid progress in a given section or inclement weather delays, the Leaf Collection Hotline provides dynamic scheduling that is updated with work progress data provided by the Foremen daily. We recommend that residents stay ahead by raking early and frequently.

Street Names with corresponding Section Numbers can be obtained at the Town of Greenwich Website:

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/257/Leaf-Collection>

Leaf Collection – Proposed Sequence – 2020

Following is the targeted sequence of collection:

First Collection:

- Will begin on Monday, November 2, 2020 in Sections:
 - 3, 4 Old Greenwich/Riverside
 - 9 North Mianus

- Will begin on Monday, November 9, 2020 in Sections:
 - 5, 6 Old Greenwich/Riverside
 - 10, 11 Cos Cob
 - 13 Central Greenwich, north of the Post Road
 - 17 Glenville
 - 18 Western Pemberwick

First Collection -- Targeted sequence of subsequent sections:

- Old Greenwich/Riverside: Sections 7, 8, 1, 2
- Cos Cob: Section 12
- Boro (Central Greenwich): Sections 14, 15, 16
- Byram: Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

Second Collection - Targeted sequence of collection:

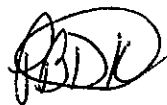
- Old Greenwich/Riverside: Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1, 2
- Cos Cob: Sections 9, 10, 11, 12
- Boro (Central Greenwich): Sections 13, 14, 15, 16
- Byram: Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

(Collection Monday – Saturday. No Collection on Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving Day or the Day after Thanksgiving)

Once the first collection is completed, the second and final collection will begin

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The Highway Division requests resident’s cooperation in order to make this desirable program a success.



Peter Kurpeawski
Acting Highway Superintendent

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 storm water 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**.