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## **REMINDER FOR CITY OF MILWAUKEE RESIDENTS: Rake Your Leaves into the Street by November 15**

City of Milwaukee residents have until Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> to rake leaves into the curb on city streets. For information on when the City's leaf collection equipment will be in a particular neighborhood, go to:

[http://mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage\\_day](http://mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage_day)

After the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, residents may take their leaves to a City self-help station located at:

- 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.
- 6660 N. Industrial Rd.

For a schedule of hours for the self-help centers, go to:

[city.milwaukee.gov/mpw/divisions/operations/environmental/sanitation/SelfHelpCenters.htm](http://city.milwaukee.gov/mpw/divisions/operations/environmental/sanitation/SelfHelpCenters.htm)

Leaves, grass and brush, along with other yard waste, are banned from landfills and must not be placed in garbage or recycling carts. DPW collects leaves, brush and yard waste separately from garbage and composts it, which conserves natural resources while saving the City money. The City pays about half the cost to have leaves composted than to have them mistakenly buried in landfills. Residents are also encouraged to mulch leaves, and leave grass clippings on the lawn. This saves time and money, and adds nutrients to the soil.

Tips for a successful fall leaf collection:

- Rake leaves into the curb by Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Keep leaves away from storm drains and sewer grates in the street
- Place garden debris on top of leaf piles
- Do not put leaves in plastic bags or place them in garbage carts
- Do not put brush into the street – call 286-CITY (2489) through November for a pick-up

Sanitation staff collects an average of 15,000 tons of leaves each year between mid-October and the first week of December. Last year, 16,343 tons of leaves were collected.

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