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Leaf Rake Out Extended to Sunday, November 20th ***Residents are Asked to Clear Leaves from Storm Drains***

The Department of Public Works has extended its leaf rake out date to **Sunday, November 20**. The extension is due to leaves still remaining on many trees throughout Milwaukee. Residents began raking their leaves to the curb lanes starting October 1st. Public Works crews have made a couple of sweeps through the City and have collected approximately 6,700 tons to date. Sanitation staff collects an average of 15,000 tons of leaves each year.

Residents are urged to do the following:

- **Keep leaves away from storm drains in the street**
- **Keep piles away from sewer grates**
- Place garden debris on top of leaf piles
- Do not put leaves in plastic bags
- Do not put brush in the street
- Do not put leaves in your garbage carts
- Do not rake leaves to the curb after November 20th

Leaves and brush are collected separately from garbage and composted, which conserves natural resources while saving the City money. Residents are also encouraged to mulch and leave grass clippings on the lawn. This saves time, money, and adds nutrients to the soil.