



Village of Wolverine Lake — Leaf Collection

Fall of 2002, the Village of Wolverine Lake began a new fall bulk leaf removal program to ease the burden of fall leaf disposal for single family residences. We are sending this guide to help answer some of the questions that may arise regarding proper procedure and service expectations.

Some Do's

- **DO** look for the orange scheduling signs at the entrance to your neighborhood. These will be posted **3 to 6 days prior** to pick-up.
- **DO** rake your leaves onto a flat, obstruction free, easy access area.
- **DO** place your leaves in one large pile rather than multiple small piles.
- **DO** move your vehicle(s) and trash cans off of the street on collection day.
- **DO** clean up the remaining leaves following pick up.

Some Don'ts

- **DON'T** mix grass or twigs with leaves.
- **DON'T** park your vehicle on any bulk leaf piles. Your vehicle's **hot exhaust pipe** coming in contact with the leaves, **could start a fire.**
- **DON'T** allow children to play in the leaf piles that are close to the road.
- **DON'T** rake leaves into small piles—the Claw is only effective with larger bulk piles. As a rule of thumb, use the weekly compost service for **less than 5 bags** of compacted leaves.

GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING WEEKLY YARD WASTE PICK UP The regular weekly yard waste pick up will remain in effect through the last Tuesday in November and will resume the beginning of April. Remember the following when using the regular yard waste pick up: Leaves and other yard waste can be disposed of on your normal refuse collection day, place material in paper compost bags or 32 gallon plastic or metal garbage cans weighing no-more than 50 pounds and marked with a yard waste sticker. Stickers available at the Village office.

- **IMPORTANT**—Leaves CANNOT be disposed of in plastic bags!

HOW ARE LEAVES COLLECTED IN THE FALL BULK LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM?

Beginning in early November and lasting for approximately 4 weeks, until the Department of Public Works (DPW) cycles twice around the Village. Front End Loaders with "CLAWS" attached will work in conjunction with garbage trucks to collect, compact and ultimately dispose of the leaves. The claw will scoop piles of leaves placed on flat, obstruction free, easy access areas during designated days and load these leaves into the garbage trucks. The claw is very effective as it collects a large volume of leaves, and functions equally well with wet or frozen leaves. While this operation is highly efficient, some residual leaves may remain that residents should dispose of during weekly yard waste pick up. It is also possible that some minor lawn damage may occur as a result of this operation. Therefore, if you choose to use this service you may need to do a little fall or spring repair.



WHAT TIPS CAN BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST IN THE COLLECTION EFFORT?

- Look for orange Leaf Pick-up Signs. These signs, posted at the entrance to your neighborhood, will alert you to the scheduled bulk leaf pick-up day. In most cases, they will be posted 3 to 6 days in advance of your leaf pick-up. Place your pile of leaves onto a flat, obstruction free, easy access area near the shoulder of the road. If there are questions regarding street postings, call 248-624-1710 for the current list of streets that are scheduled to be serviced.
- If the weather, equipment failure or high leaf volumes create a delay in finishing the scheduled collection area, crews will return the following workday and complete the collection. Just as they will if they are ahead of schedule. They will move forward but return the next day to their scheduled route.
 - Do not place sticks, grass or anything other than leaves in your leaf pile.
 - The equipment utilized in the leaf collection effort has to be converted for snow removal as quickly as possible at the beginning of December. Please be sure to look for the FINAL Leaf Pick-up Signs.