



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Department of Public Works Announces Start of Fall Leaf Collection Program

In an effort to provide better service and improved efficiencies, the Department of Public Works has divided the City into five sections for leaf collection (one zone for each day of the week). Under this program the DPW crews will concentrate their efforts within the assigned zone each day.

This program provides advance notice when the DPW crews will be in their area. The Department will make every effort to remove leaves from the entire zone that day. Nevertheless, this system will give the residents seven different times to rake and sweep the leaves within each zone this season.

The leaf raking zones are basically opposite of the garbage collection schedule. Residents raking leaves will not have piles of leaves in the street to conflict with garbage collection.

**Residents are encouraged to provide alternative ways to manage leaf piles.** First, the City of Sheboygan asks residents to mulch their leaves into the lawn while cutting the grass. The mulched leaves provide a natural fertilizer for the lawn. Second, residents are encouraged to bag their leaves and bring them to the drop-off site. These two suggestions will help reduce the huge volume of leaves from the street and prevent street flooding due to leaves entering the catch basins.

*Beginning Monday, October 6, 2014 and continuing thru Friday, November 21, 2014, City residents are allowed to rake leaf piles into the street gutter for easier and faster pickup by City crews. Under normal conditions the City ordinance prohibits the placement of debris or leaves in gutters, and this ordinance carries a fine. However, an exception is being made during this seven-week period and during this period only. Curbside leaf collection will not take place November 24 thru November 28 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

Residents are reminded to rake leaves away from the curb, creating space for water to flow properly, and any storm water catch basins to prevent flooding. Please locate the leaf pile in areas clear of parked vehicles so as not to interfere with the pickup operation. **Also do not mix branches, sod, and general yard waste with the leaves as these items will clog the equipment.** The leaves will be picked up during the normal frequency of street sweeping operations.

Again, leaves collected by residents can be brought to the Drop-Off Site between the hours of 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday thru Friday, and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday.

The City asks for your cooperation to adopt a corner and keep it clear of weeds and leaves. This will help prevent street flooding during fall rains.

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