

2017 PHILLY LEAF RECYCLING PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE LEAF RECYCLING PROGRAM?

The Leaf Recycling program is one of several services provided by the Streets Department to honor the City's on-going commitment to recycling. This recycling program helps to reduce the amount of materials that reach the waste stream and saves landfill space. Mechanical collection and bagged drop-off services are provided.

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE PROGRAM?

The 2017 Philly Leaf and Recycling Program begins **Monday, November 6**, and ends **Saturday, December 17, 2017**.

WHAT DO RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW?

Bagged leaf Drop-Off will be offered city-wide, on Saturdays only at these 23 locations from 9 AM to 3 PM (with the exception of November 11th and 23rd).

Drop-Off Locations

- 1400 Cottman Ave. (Jardel Recreation)
- 15th & Bigler Sts.
- 20th & Hartranft Sts.
- 2901 Princeton Ave. (Mayfair Recreation)
- 43rd St. & Powelton Ave.
- 54th & Woodbine Ave.
- 5th & Cheltenham Ave. (water reservoir)
- 66th & Haverford Ave.
- 72nd & Buist Ave.
- 7901 Ridgeway St. (Fox Chase Rec.)
- 8101 Bustleton Ave.
- American & Thompson Sts.
- Broad & Christian Sts.
- Castor & Foulkrod St.
- Cathedral St. & Ridge Ave.
- Corinthian & Poplar St.
- Fisher & Ogontz Ave.
- Graver Lane & Seminole St.
- Upsal & Lowber Sts.
- Washington Ln. & Ardleigh St.
- Wayne Ave & Logan St.
- 2900 Comly Rd. (Palmer Playground)
- 7231 Torresdale Ave. (Russo Park)

A designated fleet of sanitation compactors will be positioned at the aforementioned locations around the City to accept bagged leaves. Crews will be assigned to accept **ONLY** bagged leaves and yard waste for the duration of the program. No household rubbish will be accepted with the bagged leaves and yard waste for drop-off.

Residents are asked to follow these tips for bagged leaf drop-off:

- Residents must place leaves in large brown biodegradable paper bags. Using these bags helps eliminate the extensive process of ripping open, dumping, and disposing of plastic bags.
- ***Never mix trash or other recyclable materials with bagged leaves. This contaminates leaves and makes them unfit for recycling purposes.***

Mechanical leaf collection is provided as a supplement to bagged collections in areas identified as having heavy accumulations of leaves and will be offered on a designated weekly schedule in areas with a heavy concentration of leaves.

Sanitation crews collect leaves in each designated mechanical collection areas, covering one (1) or two (2) Sanitation Areas each week. The crews use leaf blowers and mechanical sweepers to move leaves into the street. Tractor-trailer vacuums and/or leaf loaders are used to pick up the leaves.

WEEK	AREA	DATE
1	5	11/6/17 to 11/10/17
2	1, 2	11/13/17 to 11/18/17
3	6	11/20/17 to 11/24/17
4	6	11/27/17 to 12/1/17
5	4	12/4/17 to 12/8/17
6	4	12/11/17 to 12/16/17

Due to the number of pieces of equipment used and the large cleaning boundaries to cover, crews are unable to make return visits to individual streets in the area once they move on to the next boundary. Residents are urged to sweep and bag any remaining leaves and take them to one of the drop-off locations or they may be placed out with regular trash collections. Please note, bags placed at the curb will be collected as trash, not recycling.

To find out if/when your block is scheduled for mechanical collection:

- Check the Streets Department's website at philadelphiastreet.com/leaves

Residents in mechanical leaf collection areas should follow these tips:

- All leaves should be raked (un-bagged) and ready for collection by 7:00 AM the day of mechanical collection. Rake leaves into the street by the curb's edge (piling is not necessary).
- If possible, move your vehicle to an off-street parking location on your scheduled collection day, so crews can remove leaves along the curb line.
- Residents in mechanical areas can also drop-off bagged leaves.

HOW DO I DIRECT SERVICE REQUESTS?

- For mechanical collection requests, check schedule to confirm and clarify as necessary.
- Citizens may also contact Streets Customer Affairs directly at 215-686-5560 or 311.
- Visit the Streets Department website at <http://www.philadelphiastreet.com/leaves>