



## **Town of Waterford 2023 Fall Leaf Pickup**

Loose leaf collection (leaf vacuum) begins October 30<sup>th</sup> and will end November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will make every effort to complete the entire town by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please do not place any loose leaves at the roadside after November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Town will continue pickup after November 30<sup>th</sup> until all previous piles have been collected. The Town Highway Department will also continue to pick up leaf bags and yard waste Monday thru Friday throughout winter, WEATHER PERMITTING.

Regular weekly pick up of bagged yard waste is ongoing while the loose leaves are being collected, and is a much quicker process. Leaves and grass clippings placed in yard waste bags along with tree branches (no longer than 4 feet tied in bundles) piled neatly at curbside will continue to be picked up every Monday & Friday. Consider this an alternative for faster leaf pick up.

### **Leaf Collection Guidelines**

- Leaf pick up is administered with a vacuum boom that has limited reach. For this reason leaves should be within close proximity to the curb.
- Leaves should be placed in piles no greater than 5 feet in width.
- Leaves should be placed on the lawn at the edge but NOT IN THE ROADWAY.
- Make sure storm water inlet grates are kept clear to ensure proper drainage.
- Avoid putting leaf piles around obstacles such as vehicles, mailboxes, and sign posts.
- Please follow laws and remove basketball hoops and any other obstructions from the edge of roadway.
- Do not mix tree branches, pine cones, garden trimmings, grass clippings, pet waste or other debris with loose leaves. These items WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. Our vacuum equipment is only designed to pick up loose leaves and pine needles. Your cooperation will help prevent equipment damage and mechanical breakdowns.
- Despite advance preparation; equipment breakdowns and weather can slow or end the program early.
- Do not wait to rake. An early winter requires equipment and crews to be moved to snow removal.
- If you have landscapers, please direct them to abide by the town leaf collection guidelines.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to: Waterford Highway Department  
Phone: (518) 235-3413