



## Fall Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Cooling temperatures are a welcome sign that fall is upon us. The Township would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents about the proper disposal of organic material such as yard waste: leaves, grass and brush. Proper disposal of these items allows for a cost effective and more efficient collection. Weather permitting, Township leaf collection begins as early as mid-October and will continue until all leaf piles are picked up. The Township anticipates that leaf pickup will move through each section of town once every 7 to 10 days during the earlier part of the season. However, as the season gets heavier with leaves, the Township will pick up each section of town approximately every two to three weeks around mid-November. The Township cannot make special leaf pickups for lawn service contractors or residents. *Please call the Department of Public Works concerning any questions about seasonal leaf pick up, 856-854-1825.*

## General Instructions

- **All yard waste should be placed in an open container for recycling on your regular trash day April 15<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>.** It is not necessary to bag either leaves or grass clippings but if you do, paper bags must be used. These can be found at any hardware store. **After October 11<sup>th</sup>, ensure that all leaves are raked to the curb or in yard waste paper contractor bags. Never place organic material in plastic bags.**
- Place leaves in a row rather than a pile on the curbside lawn next to the street. Leaves should not be placed in the street. This will allow traffic to move freely and safely without having to drive through the leaves. It is easier to collect the leaves if they are in a row along the curb rather than in a pile. If placed in a pile, the truck has to back up several times until the complete pile is gone.
- **Do not mix leaves with brush and grass clippings when placing leaves at the curb for pick up during leaf season.** Leaf machines are designed for leaf pick up only, and brush, twigs, and grass can clog the machine causing dangerous conditions for Township employees.
- **Please try to keep vehicles off the street.** If vehicles must be parked in the street, do not park on top of leaf piles, and ensure enough room for the leaf machine operator to get all the leaves that have been raked to the curb.
- **The Township asks that residents do not wait to place all their leaves at the curb at once.** Placing leaves out for collection on a weekly basis enables the Department of Public Works to work through each section of town faster.
- New Jersey stormwater regulations rules state that leaves may not be placed any closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet or catch basin.

