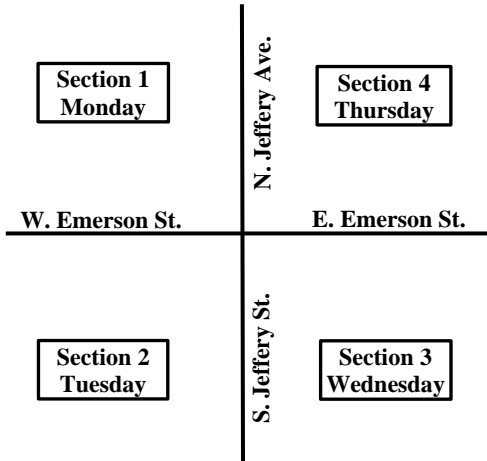


CITY OF ITHACA

2023 FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM



The Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program generally begins on the 3rd Monday in October and continues for five weeks. In 2023, leaf collection begins on October 17th and ends on November 17th, weather permitting.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

1. *On streets with curbs*, residents should rake their leaves to the edge of the curbline but not into the street. *On all other streets*, residents should rake their leaves to the gravel or paved edge of the road but not into the street. Please do not place them along the curb or road edge until the night before your scheduled pickup day, as noted on the above collection map.
2. Leaves should not be placed in front of or behind mailboxes, in ditches or behind trees. The leaves should be kept in a long narrow row behind the curb or road edge. This will allow the City's equipment to make a more complete and clean pickup.
3. As of September 4, 2023, residents are no longer allowed to burn leaves or yard waste. **City of Ithaca Ordinance No. 2023-02; Chapter 16: Fire Prevention and Protections; Article II; Burning: § 16-33 Leaves, Grass Clippings, Dead Grass, Hedges, Weeds.**

No person shall burn or cause to be burned the following types of materials: leaves, grass clippings, hedges, weeds and other similar types of materials.

4. City Ordinance prohibits the placement of other yardwaste in the piles with your leaves. This includes tree limbs, brush, bush trimmings, grass, cut flowers, plants, rootballs, etc. There are two options for the disposal of yardwaste other than leaves:

- Through a private landscaping firm hired by the property owner; or
- By taking the yardwaste to the City's yardwaste disposal site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) at the east end of Meadow Lane (just south of the train tracks.)

5. There are two piles at the WWTP disposal site, which are labeled with signs. The southern pile is for the disposal of tree limbs, brush & bush trimmings. The northern pile is for the disposal of grass, plants (no rootballs), cut flowers and leaves.

6. State law prohibits the disposal of leaves or any other yardwaste in refuse carts, refuse bags or recycling bags.

7. Public Works crews will attempt to pick up leaves in each quadrant of town according to the map at left. Inclement weather & heavy leaf fall at times may cause delays in the scheduled pickups. We reserve Friday to pick up leaves in City facilities such as the parks & cemetery. If we are unable to pick up all the leaves in a section on the scheduled day, we will start where we left off on the next scheduled day for that section the following week.

8. Persons living in or visiting the pickup areas should park their cars off the street during the scheduled pickup days to facilitate the use of equipment in the pickup operation.

9. **CAUTION!** Parking on leaf piles may cause fires, especially by vehicles equipped with catalytic converters.

10. Sheriff Michael Morris cautions parents that children should not be allowed to play in leaf piles once they are placed along the street. City leaf crews or other motorists may not see the child in the leaf piles, resulting in possible injury or tragedy.

Please help improve the environment by participating in the fall leaf pickup program. For more information, contact City Hall at 875-3200 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.