

--IMPORTANT NOTICE--



Dayne Walling
Mayor

LEAF BAG PICKUP PROGRAM



Dear Resident:

The City of Flint faces financial challenges that require we identify more cost effective methods of providing leaf pickup and leaf disposal services for our community. Raking leaves into the street is very costly and there are few cities the size of Flint that collect leaves in this manner. The City has reviewed Leaf Collection Programs implemented in communities throughout the United States and have identified cost saving strategies that provide financial and environmental benefits. Composting, mulching and bagging leaves can lead to financial savings and decrease environmental pollution caused by leaves that clog catch basins and storm drains.

This year the City will initiate a Leaf Bag Pickup Program to reduce the City's cost to collect leaves and to decrease environmental pollution beginning the week of Monday, November 14th and ending Friday, December 2nd. **City crews will only pick up bagged leaves** on your regular trash pickup day. Following are guidelines that should be followed:

- Place **only leaves** in biodegradable leaf bags or trash cans (*close bags by folding top down*).
- Place bags at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the same day as you place your household trash.
- **Do not use plastic bags or sweep leaves or any other materials into the streets.**

If you are a resident who requires assistance to bag your leaves due to an incapacity or disability, please call (810) 766-7165 for assistance. All complaints should also be referred to (810) 766-7165.

The City also encourages residents to compost leaves by raking the leaves into a pile and letting nature do its work. The composting method is an efficient and environmentally friendly way to dispose of leaves. Another suggested method of disposal is to create mulch out of the leaves. This will create an organic rich soil substance that will improve soil quality. Information on composting and mulching is available on the United States Environmental Protection Agency website

<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/conserves/rrr/greenscapes/pubs/compost-guide.pdf> and

<http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/Publications/catalog/greenscaping.pdf> .

Let me emphasize the success of this program depends on the cooperation of our residents. The City cannot provide an efficient and cost effective leaf collection service without your valuable contributions. This is an opportunity for us all to do something good for our community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory A. Eason".

Gregory A. Eason, City Administrator

