

Streets & Recycling



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Fall Leaf Collection Starts Monday October 4th

The Streets Division will begin fall leaf collection on Monday October 4th. Again this year there is no set schedule for leaf collection. Again this year, there will be no leaf collection schedule. Streets Division crews will begin collecting leaves in Monday's refuse collection districts. After completing collection in Monday's area, crews will move into the Tuesday districts, then Wednesday's districts, followed by the Thursday and then Friday refuse districts. Upon completion of Friday's refuse district, crews will begin the cycle again in Monday's district.

"We always start leaf collection the first Monday in October because many residents want to get started cleaning out their gardens," Madison recycling coordinator George Dreckmann said. "We will operate with fewer crews until the volume of material picks up in mid to late October."

It is difficult to predict when leaf collection crews will be in a given area due to the uncertainty of workloads. The Streets Division has several options you can use to get the latest information on where our crews are working and when we hope to get to a given area.

Visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets to get our best information. You can also call our 24-hour information line at 267-2088. This number will provide you with a recorded announcement 24 hours a day. You can get the latest leaf collection update as well as information on brush collection and the yard waste drop off sites.

Calendar of Events

Med Drop.....	10/02
Fall Leaf Collection.....	10/04
Compost and Leaf Mulching Class	10/11
Compost and Leaf Mulching Class	10/16
Compost and Leaf Mulching Class	10/23
Compost and Leaf Mulching Class	10/30

Take Our Household Organics Survey

The Streets Division wants to hear from you about the possibility of collecting household organic waste for compost. We have an on-line survey you can take at our website: www.cityofmadison.com/streets/OrganicsSurvey.cfm.

You can also learn more about an exciting new program that is being considered for using this material to produce renewable energy and compost at the website as well.



WHAT WOULD BE COLLECTED?

- Food Waste (incl. meat, bones, fish, sauces, gravy)
- Pet Waste (incl. cat litter)
- Contaminated Paper (paper towels, napkins, plates, cups)
- Pizza Boxes
- Waxed Cardboard Boxes
- Small Amounts of Yard Waste

New Ideas for Using your Leaves

Fall leaves add great beauty to our surroundings in Madison. Unfortunately, they also contribute a large volume of material that we have to collect and haul to the compost sites. And, the same leaves that add color to neighborhoods in fall also add color to our lakes in the summer and that's a problem.



When you pile your leaves at the curb for City collection each fall, those leaf piles are exposed to rain which seeps through the piles, making a rich nutrient tea that flows along the curb into storm drains and then to the lakes. Those nutrients are a significant contributor to the algae that turns our lakes into a green smelly mess in the summer.

The City of Madison is kicking off a new program to encourage Madison residents to manage leaves on their property. The program, called **Leave the Leaf** is designed to reduce phosphorus runoff from leaves, improve the quality of area soil and lawns, and reduce the need for more leaf collection trucks and staff.

The 20th century attitude towards leaves was that once they fell they were lawn litter and had to be removed. It's a new day, and time for some new thinking. It is time to view leaves as an asset that can be used to improve your lawn and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers. Leaves also make great mulch, garden cover or rich compost.

We know that many Madison homes produce too many leaves to be composted or mulched on site. But, any amount of leaves that you can handle at home will benefit the environment and help save tax dollars. You can learn more about a new program we call **Leave the Leaf** at www.cityofmadison.com/streets/leavetheleaf.

Last Med Drop Prescription Drug Collection of the Year on October 2nd

The final collection of unwanted prescription drugs will be held on Saturday October 2nd from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For details on locations and what materials are accepted please visit: www.meddropdane.org.



COMPOST AND LEAF MULCHING CLASS

The Streets Division and the Madison Public Library are presenting classes this fall to help you learn to compost and to manage your leaves at home. The classes are as follows:

Monday October 11	7 p.m.	Pinney Library 208 Cottage Grove Rd
Saturday October 16	10 a.m.	Sequoia Library 4340 Tokay Blvd
Saturday October 23	10 a.m. 1 p.m.	Meadowridge Library, 5740 Raymond Rd Ashman Library 733 N. High Point Rd
Saturday October 30	10 a.m. 1 p.m.	Hawthorne Library 2702 E. Washington Av Lakeview Library 2845 N. Sherman Av

NEW!

RECYCLING INFORMATION

City of Madison residents will now be able to recycle the lids and caps from their plastic bottles. The lids/caps must be put back on the bottle to be recycled.