



2016 Leaf Collection Program



There are four ways the Town of Westfield assists residents in disposing of leaves:

- ✦ Provides curbside pickup of leaf piles
- ✦ Picks up bagged leaves
- ✦ Enables residents to bring leaves to the Conservation Center without a permit during leaf season
- ✦ Permits your lawn care company to transport leaves to the Conservation Center

Curbside pickup:

For curbside pick-up, the town is divided into 10 leaf collection zones (see link to map below). On or about October 24, 2016, weather permitting, collection will begin simultaneously in zones 1 and 7. Once a zone is completed, collections will move to the next zone in numerical sequence.

Please...

- ✦ do not place leaves in the street prior to Saturday, October 22, 2016;
- ✦ place leaves in narrow rows alongside curb but leaving a space along the gutter to allow for drainage;
- ✦ do not place leaves any closer than ten (10) feet from any storm water inlet;
- ✦ do not place twigs, tree branches, grass or other plant debris, including discarded mums, in the leaf pile;
- ✦ before raking leaves to the street, check the Town's website, www.westfieldnj.gov, to determine which zone the leaf collection crews are in;
- ✦ whenever possible, do not park on the street when the collection crews are in your zone; and
- ✦ do not place leaves in the street after December 9, 2016.

Bagged Leaves:

Residents may "bag" their leaves by placing them in biodegradable paper bags such as those available from home center stores and placing them at the curb. The pickup for bagged leaves will follow the same schedule as the regular curbside pickup.

Please...

- ✦ follow the applicable "*Curbside pickup*" guidelines (above);
- ✦ consider bagging your leaves as it is the most environmentally friendly option;
- ✦ only use biodegradable paper bags specifically made to hold leaves.

Conservation Center:

Residents may bring their leaves to the Conservation Center, 1300 Lamberts Mill Road, for disposal. Residents do not need a permit to do so during leaf season, from October 24 to December 16, 2016, but must show proof of residency.

Please note...

- ✦ from October 24 to December 16, 2016, the Center will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., weather permitting;
- ✦ the Center will be closed on Veterans Day (November 11), Thanksgiving (November 24), and the day after Thanksgiving (November 25);
- ✦ the Center will also be open during the winter (2017) on the following Saturdays: January 7, 14 and 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., weather permitting, for the disposal of Christmas trees.

Lawn Care Companies:

Residents who employ lawn care companies are responsible for informing the company of the leaf collection rules and schedule and for assuring compliance.

You may authorize your lawn care provider to transport your leaves to the Conservation Center once per leaf season. To do so, the lawn care company must be registered with the Town of Westfield as an authorized user of the Center. In addition, you must complete the form below and give it to your lawn care provider to bring to the Center when depositing your leaves there. Under new regulations, please take note that lawn care providers will be charged \$6.00 per cubic yard of leaves deposited at the Center.

Please...

- ✦ contact your lawn care provider before leaf season to make sure the leaf collection rules and schedule are made known; and
- ✦ make sure your lawn care provider does not mix trimmings, grass clippings, twigs, or any other organic plant waste in with the leaves.

Reminders to residents:

- ✦ Do not mix twigs, tree branches, grass clippings, hedge trimmings or other organic debris, including mums and potting soil, in your leaf piles. Only leaves are accepted at the Union County compost facilities where the leaves are deposited. Consequently, the Town cannot pick up piles containing anything other than leaves.
- ✦ Please be considerate of your neighbors and cognizant of the State's stormwater regulations as well as Westfield's Town Code regarding the collection of leaves and the placement of debris in the roadway. Follow the guidelines listed in this brochure and do not place leaves in the street unless your collection zone is scheduled for pickup.
- ✦ The last date leaves may be placed in the street is December 9, 2016. After that date, you must take your leaves to the Conservation Center.
- ✦ After the holidays, please do not place Christmas trees in the street. You may dispose of them at the Conservation Center on Saturday, January 7, 14 or 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.



The Westfield Fire Department warns residents to never park a vehicle on a pile of leaves, even if the pile is wet. Hot metal parts in the undercarriage may ignite the leaves and cause a potentially very serious fire.