



Borough of Haddonfield

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Leaf Collection Begins October 31st

BOROUGH COLLECTION INFORMATION: Beginning the week of October 31st the Borough will provide a total of 3 pickups during leaf season;

- one (1) pickup during the first two (2) weeks of November and
- two (2) additional pickups prior to the end of the leaf season, which is the week of December 9th

Only piles will be collected. DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO GUTTER OR STREETS. Do not bag leaves during this time period. Leaves should be raked onto your park strip or edge of lawn if no park strip.

The location of our leaf crews will be posted on the home page of Borough's website each day.

WHAT TO DO WITH LEAVES PRIOR TO AND AFTER FINAL COLLECTION BY THE BOROUGH:

Prior to the start of leaf collection residents can place their canned or bagged leaves (paper/recyclable only please) out for the vegetative waste truck. Once the leaf trucks have completed their three (3) passes, all leaves must be placed in recyclable paper bags or in cans marked for vegetative waste.

REGULATIONS: By Borough Ordinance (Chapter 139, Section 1 – Trash, Garbage and Debris) it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, corporation or otherwise, to throw wastepaper, sweepings, ashes, household waste, rubbish, paper, trash, garbage or any other waste material of any kind into any street, avenue or highway in the Borough of Haddonfield.

We are in the process of sending out citations to residents. **It is the homeowner's responsibility to remind their landscapers of Haddonfield's leaf collection policies.**

COMPOSTING INFORMATION: Many New Jersey homeowners have an excessive quantity of leaves in the fall. One alternative for dealing with leaves is backyard composting. This process involves primarily the microbial decomposition of organic matter. Compost - the end result - is a dark, friable, partially decomposed substance similar to natural organic matter found in the soil. Residents are encouraged to compost their leaves on their own property for use as fertilizer and to reduce the quantity that must be collected.

MULCHING INFORMATION: Take the grass catcher off your mower and mow over the leaves on your lawn. You want to reduce your leaf clutter to dime-size pieces. You'll know you're done when about half an inch of grass can be seen through the mulched leaf layer. Once the leaf bits settle in, microbes and worms get to work recycling them. Any kind of rotary-action mower will do the job, and any kind of leaves can be chopped up. With several passes of your mower, you can mulch up to 18 inches of leaf clutter.

Mulching leaves simply recycles a natural resource, giving you richer soil for free.

You can work additional leaf mulch into the vegetable beds you've cleared for the fall and winter, and pack it around ornamentals and fragile plants that you want to help out so they can survive through the rough weather ahead.



Questions? Call Public Works at 429-0183