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Ten-Week Leaf Bag Collection begins the week of October 23, 2017

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (October 16, 2017) – The Town of West Hartford’s leaf bag collection service begins on Monday, October 23, 2017 and will continue for 10 weeks until December 29, 2017.

Only 30-gallon, biodegradable leaf bags will be collected; no plastic bags. Leaf bags should be free of grass, twigs, rocks and trash, and should not weigh more than 60 lbs. There is no limit to the number of bags a resident can place at the curb. Simply place your leaf bags at the curb by 6:00 AM on your trash collection day, or sooner, and a truck will come by to pick them up. Crews will advance into other collection areas once they have completed their day’s assignment and may pick-up your bags before your trash day.

Leaf bags are commonly found at hardware and grocery stores.

Public Works offers a residential leaf voucher disposal program free of charge to eligible residents. The voucher program is available during the ten-week leaf collection season. Vouchers allow your contractor to dump leaves, generated from your residential property only, free of charge. Residents may use as many vouchers as needed during the ten-week collection period. The leaf voucher guidelines and documents are found on the Public Works web site, www.westhartfordct.gov/publicworks.

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Please note leaf bags and leaf piles cannot be placed in the street because they pose a hazard to traffic, clog storm drains and impede snow plowing operations. The Town's Compliance Officer routinely monitors collection areas and will issue written warnings and then fines for each day that the leaves remain in the street.

Leaf bags and piles should not block pedestrian sidewalks, as well.

There are other options to bagging leaves. Consider mulching your leaves with your mower. Make a couple of passes over your lawn until leaves are ground down into a fine leaf mulch. The end product is a good source of nitrogen for spring growth. Leaf compost also enriches the soil in gardens and flower beds.

If you don't want to wait for the weekly pick up, residents may bring their bagged leaves to the Yard Waste and Recycling Center at 25 Brixton Street and dispose of them there. Leaves in plastic bags will need to be emptied in the appropriate area.

Extended Saturday hours for fall yard material drop-off at the Yard Waste and Recycling Center begins Saturday, October 28, 2017. The facility will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturdays until December 16. Weekday hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 4:30PM.

Yard Waste Permits may be purchased at the Recycling Center, 25 Brixton Street, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and on Saturday beginning October 28, 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Permit pricing is as follows:

Passenger Vehicles, SUV's, CUV's & Mini-Vans w/o trailer - \$10.00

Passenger Vehicles, SUV's CUV's & Mini-Vans w/trailer - \$15.00

Pick-up trucks, Full size vans, w/o trailer - \$25.00

Pick-up trucks, Full size vans w/ trailer - \$ 35.00

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For more information on the 2017 Leaf Collection program, visit the Department of Public Works website www.westhartfordct.gov/publicworks. You may also call the Leaf Collection hotline at 860-561-7954 for daily.

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