



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City Leaf collection set to get underway in the City Oct. 20th**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Leaf collection season will get underway October 20, 2014. The Murfreesboro Streets and Solid Waste departments plan to utilize the same system first implemented in 2013 to improve service and efficiencies for the City and its customers.

“Last year the City was divided in half by U.S. Highway 41 (Broad Street) with the Street Department serving residents on the north and east side of Broad and the Solid Waste Department servicing the south and west side,” said Streets Department Supervisor Raymond Hillis.

The goal, as it was in 2013, is to cover the City twice as fast with the same manpower and equipment. The time required for leaf collection crews to cover the City should be cut in half.

“Once again, residents are asked to place loose leaves within five to 10 feet of the street so leaf vacuums’ can reach them,” said Murfreesboro Solid Waste Director Joey Smith. “Leaves should not be placed out in the street, since this causes traffic hazards and drainage problems.”

Only biodegradable paper bags are accepted for those residents who choose to bag their leaves. Residents are also asked to keep loose leaves separate from yard waste like brush, debris and limbs, because mixing them causes damage to the vacuum units and slows vacuum collection. Collected leaves are trucked to Murfreesboro’s mulch site at 4765 Florence Rd. where the leaves are mulched.

The heaviest part of the leaf collection season typically ends before the Christmas holiday. Crews will continue picking up bags of leaves through the first or second week of January 2015.

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