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Fall Leaf collection set to get underway Oct. 19th

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – It will soon be time to rake and spruce up the yard ahead of winter. Leaf collection season gets underway Monday, Oct. 19, 2015. 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.

“As previously, the City will be 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 has been in the past, 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.”

Residents can assist in making the process go more smoothly by following a few simple guidelines to improve service and efficiencies for the City and its customers.

- Place the tree limbs and brush parallel to the street.
- Make sure the debris is in one pile only instead of several piles.
- Don't place brush longer than 10 feet in length.
- Don't place brush under low-lying power lines and cable lines to allow room for the boom to work.
- Don't park a vehicle near the brush pile during daylight hours.

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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 2016.

To learn more about the Solid Waste Department Yard Waste Collection process, watch this YouTube video <https://youtu.be/WRjEcZ7sieE>.

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