



## DID YOU KNOW?

Leaves collected by the City are hauled to a farm field and recycled by working the leaves into the soil.

5,000 cubic yards of leaves are typically collected each fall, enough to cover a football field seven feet high.

Curbside leaf collection is at no charge to Woodstock residents. Bulk leaves raked by the resident and placed in lawn waste bags will be collected as well. The choice is yours.

The local refuse hauler will continue to collect yard waste including leaves in a paper bag with a yard waste sticker until December 1.



**Woodstock is proud to have been recognized as a 2007 Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation**

## Tips and Requests

No sticks, yard waste, or other debris can be included with the leaves. The vacuum machines used by the City can not pick up any debris or other types of yard waste.

Have your leaves raked to the parkway no later than Monday morning of the scheduled collection week for your neighborhood.

**NO PARKING:** If you have leaves raked to the parkway for collection by the City, please do not park on the street until the leaves have been removed. The trucks and collection machines used by the City are large and need open space for access to your leaf piles.

Help your neighbor and help the City. Please rake leaves off storm intakes or away from pipe culverts if the inlets become plugged during rains.

Help a senior or anyone in your neighborhood with special needs. Woodstock residents often help each other and some residents may need assistance with their fall yard maintenance. Organizing a group to help someone with special needs is a good way to get to know your neighbors better.

Seven in a series of brochures as part of the “Being a Good Neighbor” program designed to inform and educate the residents of Woodstock, Illinois.

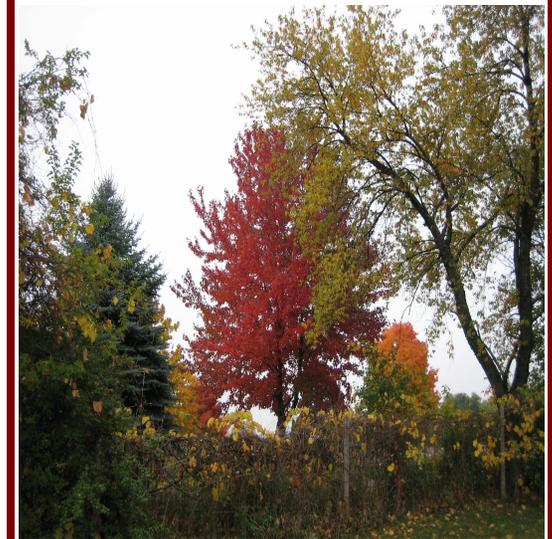


City of  
**Woodstock**

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## Leaf Collection

Help Yourself/Help Your Neighbor



## Being a Good Neighbor

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## Do Not Rake Leaves Into Street or Ditch

Residents are reminded to not rake leaves into the street or into any ditch line.

Leaves raked to the street can quickly block storm intakes or culvert pipes and result in flooding. Respect your neighbors and help prevent flooding in front of a neighbor's home and keep leaves out of the street.

Piles of leaves left in the street could hide obstructions or debris that might harm a vehicle.

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## Weather Conditions

Weather conditions play a prominent role in the leaf collection program each year. The timing of when the leaves fall from trees and the ability of the City to collect leaves is controlled by weather. The collection machines can not remove leaves covered in snow or ice or operate during freezing temperatures. Some schedules may be delayed and the City may not be able to collect all leaves for all residents due to weather conditions. Please try to be patient and understanding.



## Free Service Provided By City of Woodstock

The City of Woodstock will once again provide free, curbside collection of leaves for our residents to help with the maintenance of their private property.

There is no charge for this service and residents do not need to call in advance to schedule their collection.

The City provides two options for this service to make it easier for residents. Residents may rake their leaves to the edge of the street (parkway) for bulk collection, or residents may place their leaves in paper bags for disposal. If you use paper bags for collection, no yard waste sticker is required during the leaf collection season. It is your choice, and the City can accommodate either option for you.

There are a few restrictions regarding this service due to the limitations of the collection equipment, but the City will try to collect all leaves that have been raked to the edge of the street as long as weather conditions allow. Frozen leaves or piles of leaves covered with snow can't be collected by the City, & the City can't guarantee that all leaves raked to the parkway can be collected each year.

## Environmental Alternative

**Mulching of leaves is a good alternative to raking. The leaf mulch improves the soil in your yard, adds nutrients that reduce the need for fertilizers, and improves moisture retention in the soil. Think mulching before raking.**

## Paper Not Plastic

The City will collect bagged leaves for residents during the same period that the curbside collection is underway. Only paper bags may be used, and the City can't collect leaves in plastic bags.

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## No Burning of Leaves

City of Woodstock regulations prohibit the burning of leaves at all times. Leaves can never be burned.

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## Schedules

The curb side collection of leaves normally begins the last Monday in October and continues to the 3rd week in November, weather permitting. Watch for detailed information on City's web page and in the City Scene.