

SPECIAL GENEVA CURBSIDE LEAF PROGRAM RESUMES IN MARCH FOR MOST OF THE CITY POSTPONED DUE TO SNOW

The City's curbside leaf collection vacuum program is scheduled to restart operations for the two-thirds of Geneva residents who did not receive a special fourth pickup last fall.

The special collection will take place the week of March 20 for the following areas:

- **Zone A** – East of the Fox River
- **Zone C** – West of the Fox River, south of Route 38 or south of Kaneville Road and south of Keslinger Road.

For residents in Zones A & C, leaves should be raked to the parkway by 7:00 Monday March 20, parallel to the street and about 12 inches behind the curb or edge of the pavement. Raking leaves into the street or curb/gutter can clog storm sewers, which can later result in street flooding.

Operations will take about one week to complete.

The City's leaf contractor was able to finish Zone B on the City's northwest side during the last week of November. Work was scheduled to begin in December for Zones A & C before snow and freezing temperatures halted operations.

Residents living in Zone B (west of the Fox River, north of Route 38 or north of Kaneville Road and north of Keslinger Road; residents living on these streets are part of Zone B) will not be receiving another pickup in March since their leaves were collected last fall.

Starting April 6 or 7 yard waste bags with stickers will be picked up by Advanced Disposal.

Leaf piles containing either yard waste or brush will not be collected. People also should make sure their leaf piles are clear of cars and other obstructions that would prevent the contractor's vacuum trucks from accessing the parkways. Leaves placed at the curb after the crews have passed will not be collected.

Questions can be directed to the Geneva Public Works Department at 630-232-1501.

LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

Program Requirements

Residents must place their leaves on the parkway no later than 7:00 A.M. of the Monday of your scheduled pickup period. If leaves are placed on the parkway after the collection crews have gone by, they will not return until the next scheduled pickup date.

Each year, the order in which the zones are collected is alternated to provide equal service to all residents. Collection this year will require approximately 2-3 work days to complete each zone.

- ❑ PLACE LEAVES on the parkway parallel to the street and approximately 12 inches behind the curb or edge of pavement.
- ❑ Leaves CAN NOT be placed in the street or in the curb/gutter. This will obstruct the flow of storm water runoff during rain events AND causes street flooding.
- ❑ Do not include any debris such as garden materials, brush, grass clippings, cans, paper, bottles, construction materials, etc.
- ❑ DO NOT place leaves on the parkway earlier than the weekend of your scheduled pickup week. Leaves must be placed on the parkway by 7:00 A.M. on the Monday of your scheduled pickup period.
- ❑ **Do not to place leaves behind obstacles such as: parked vehicles, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, streetlights, etc.**
- ❑ Please place leaves in boxes, not in bags, if leaves must be placed in a container.
- ❑ Please move temporary/portable basketball hoops off the parkway and away from the curb or edge of pavement.
- ❑ **Do not place leaf piles in the alleys. Place the leaf piles in front of your home. The collection equipment cannot navigate in the alleys due to the size of the equipment.**

Alternative Options

This program is not intended to collect all of the residents' leaves. There is a very small window of opportunity to collect the leaves from the time the leaves fall and when winter weather begins. Once the leaves are covered with snow, the leaf vacuum machine cannot collect the leaves. Therefore residents are strongly encouraged to utilize alternative options with this program. These options are:

- ❑ Utilize a mulching lawnmower and mulch leaves back into the lawn. This provides nutrients for the soil.
- ❑ Place leaves in and around plant beds and under trees and shrubs. Again this provides good nutrients for the soil and provides insulation for the plants.
- ❑ Utilize yard waste bags and the refuse collection program.