

## **Village of Bentleyville- Leaf Pickup**

- Do not blow your leaves into the ditches along the roadway, as they will block up drainage culverts.
- Property maintenance begins at the curb line, and it is the resident's responsibility to clear the leaves out of the ditch.
- Respect your neighbor's property boundaries by not blowing or disposing of your leaves on their property.
- Do not blow leaves or lawn debris into the roadway.
- Pile leaves in long windrows within 4 feet of curb, as close to street as possible (LEAVES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IF THEY ARE TOO FAR AWAY)
- No branches, twigs, flower cuttings, etc. (Leaves will not be collected if other debris exist in pile)
- Weather dependent
- The street department will make several rounds per year.
- Last week for pick-up is week of November 30th.
- After leaf pick-up, bag for regular refuse collection
- If you have a professional landscaper, please consider asking them to remove leaves.

### **Rake Leaves Early & Often**

Rain and/or snow causes delays to our collection efforts, so the earlier you rake your leaves out for collection the quicker the Village can get them picked up efficiently. The same workers and trucks that are used to collect leaves are also used to plow snow and spread salt, so inclement weather causes significant delays.

### **Leaves Placed in Windrows**

Leaves should be placed in long windrows, across the front of your property as close to the road as possible.

### **No Leaves in the Street or Ditch**

Do **not** place leaves into the street, as they cause a hazard for motorists and block drainage inlets. Also, for streets with ditches, do not block the flow of water in the ditch with your leaves as flooding will result.

### **Keep All Leaf Windrows Easy to Reach**

Place all leaf windrows no further than 4 feet from the edge of the road if possible. This is the maximum reach of the vacuum hose on the leaf vacuum machine. Also, please keep leaves 4 feet away from obstructions such as mailboxes, utility poles, fire hydrants, and landscaping features. These items make the collection process more difficult and slower, hindering productivity. Also, we cannot reach leaf piles that are behind vehicles parked in the roadway, which will be left until the next collection round.

### **No Branches or Debris**

Please place out only leaves for collection. Yard waste items such as branches, vines, flower trimmings, grass clippings, and weeds will clog the vacuum machine tube and cause delays in the collection process. In addition, items such as stones, rocks, rakes, etc. can break the vacuum machines. If any foreign material is found in leaf piles, the crew will pass the pile and leave a notice to remove the material before collection can take place.

### **End of Leaf Collection**

Once the final pass through is complete, you can place your leaves in bags and put them out with your refuse for collection on your regular garbage day. There is no Spring loose-leaf collection.