

CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP

The City of Gainesville's annual curbside leaf collection typically begins in October and ends in January. During this time leaves may be placed in piles along the back of the curb and will be removed by vacuum machines.

Before October 4th or after January 28th, any leaves or other yard waste that you wish to have picked up must be bagged. The Solid Waste Division will pick up these bagged items with your garbage on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up days.

In order to better serve each citizen, we ask that you follow these procedures:

- Do not place piles of leaves in or on the street. This creates a driving hazard, and could result in an accident. Also, leaves placed on the street are often washed into the City's storm sewer during rain events, and cause potential flooding problems for you or your neighbors.
- Please place your leaves in long narrow piles along the back of the curb. Please remove all trash, dirt, brush clippings, grass clippings, rocks, limbs or sticks longer than six inches. These sticks and other yard waste can damage mulching equipment, and piles containing these items will not be collected by Street Maintenance.
- Solid Waste routinely collects limbs that are no longer than 5 feet in length. Please keep limbs separate from leaves.

ZONES

FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEAF COLLECTION, THE CITY HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO TWO ZONES:

ZONE 1: Contains all portions of the City **WEST** of a line down Thompson Bridge Road (SR60), along Green Street and south along E.E. Butler (US 129).

ZONE 2: Contains all portions of the City **EAST** of a line down Thompson Bridge Road (SR60), as you go south along Green Street and along E.E. Butler (US129); & all portions of the city across the lake at Thompson Bridge Road.

Leaf collection will alternate between the two zones as follows:

ZONE 1: 1st & 3rd week of month.

ZONE 2: 2nd & 4th week of month.

Please have all leaves placed at curbside, **NO LATER THAN 7 AM MONDAY MORNING** of the week for your zone. Leaves not placed at curbside by Monday morning may not be picked up as City crews may have already completed pickup in that area.

These policies will allow our Street Maintenance Division to improve their efficiency, and should reduce the amount of personnel required to perform leaf collection operations. We ask that you please comply with the policies outlined above. The City will not vary from the schedule outlined above, nor will they entertain any special requests.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions concerning these policies, please contact the Street Maintenance Division Office at 770-532-0379.

