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City of Rochester – 2019 Yard Waste Collection Concluded

Rochester, Michigan – January 10, 2020 – City of Rochester asks residents to bag yard waste (including leaves) until Spring.

The City of Rochester would like to remind its residents that bagged leaves can still be brought to our Public Works Campus, which is open year-round. Residents can take advantage of our leaf recycling program by bringing bagged leaves to the Department of Public Works (DPW) campus located at 1141 N. Wilcox during business hours (Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm). A map showing the drop-off location is available via the following link: www.rochestermi.org/leafdrop

Leaves brought to the DPW are recycled naturally, via composting facilities. In the Spring, the City offers free mulch and compost (made from leaves) to our residents.

As a reminder, the City of Rochester provides curb side loose-leaf pick-up during Fall, typically Oct. 15th- Nov. 30th. These collection dates were posted annually on the City's website, along with a map showing statuses of each zone. The last day for curb side leaf pick-up this season was November 30th, 2019.

The weather this year has not been typical, thus some residents have been taking advantage of some of the unseasonably warm and dry weather to continue to rake and clean their yards and are putting the leaves at the curb for pick-up. However once snow starts falling, the DPW trucks have are converted to provide winter services, and thus; our Public Works crews are no longer able to pick up leaves on the street. If you've placed leaves at the curb after November 30th they need to be removed. Leaves can be bagged and brought to DPW or stored by residents until Spring, when yard waste collection resumes. Leaves can also be used as mulch by homeowners to reduce weeds, conserve moisture, protect plants, and moderate soil temperatures in gardens and flower beds.

If residents have any questions or issues, please call 248 661-5165 or email DPW@rochestermi.org.

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