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East Hartford Leaf Collection to Begin on November 2

(October 19, 2015) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc and The East Hartford Public Works Department announced today the annual curbside leaf collection program by the Town will begin on Monday, November 2nd, 2015. Residents are asked to note that the program will feature a one-time vacuuming of leaves placed next to the edge of the road in piles. Leaves will be vacuumed Monday through Saturday from November 2nd until leaves are collected once along each street, weather permitting. There will be no leaf collection on two Town-observed holidays; Veterans Day November 11, 2015 and Thanksgiving Day November 26, 2015. A second collection pass may occur as weather permits.

Town crews will also pick up leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags through December 11, 2015, weather permitting. Leaves in biodegradable brown paper bags will be collected weekly on the scheduled waste collection days. The use of the brown bags is strongly encouraged since early snow may require suspension or cancelation of vacuum leaf collection until the spring.

Residents must have all of their bagged leaves at curbside by December 11, 2015 to ensure collection. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected and bags with grass clippings, branches or other foreign matter will not be collected.

Residents may also bring their leaves to the Transfer Station on Ecology Drive. Bulky waste permits are not required for residents entering the Transfer Station with leaves only. Normal Transfer Station hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 7:15 A.M. to Noon and 12:30 to 2:45 P.M. and on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. The Transfer Station will also be open on Saturday, November 14th and Saturday November 28th for residents to drop-off their leaves.

The curbside leaf collection by vacuuming will begin on November 2nd. Collection will start on roads in the northwest corner of Town in the area of Pitkin Street and then proceed north and east through the Burnham and Goodwin Street areas.

Progress of the collection is weather dependent and will be affected by rain or snow. Snowfall before mid-December may cause a suspension or cancelation of the program.

The progress of the leaf collection program will be available on the Public Works 24 hour information telephone line, 860-291-7374, or by calling the Highway Services Division at 860-291-7371, Monday through Friday between 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Frequent updates and progress mapping will also be posted on the Public Works website at <http://www.easthartfordct.gov>.

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