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Leaf Collection Program to Begin in November

East Hartford, CT— The Town of East Hartford will begin the annual curbside leaf collection program on **Monday, November 4, 2019**. 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 4th until all leaves are collected once along each street.

The leaf collection program will commence 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. Leaves will be vacuumed once along each street, weather permitting. Collection will proceed in a clockwise direction around town. There will be no leaf collection on two Town-observed holidays such as **Veterans Day, November 11, 2019 and Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019.**

The Department of Public Works will publish a weekly advisory map on the [Town's website](#) and [Facebook page](#). These maps will show completed areas as well as the areas where leaf collection is anticipated the following week. Residents should note that these maps are tentative and dependent on the weather and the speed of collection and should not be considered a set collection schedule. 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 leaf collection.

Residents are also encouraged to pursue two additional options for leaf removal:

- Town crews will pick up leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags through **December 13, 2019**, 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 recommended as 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 13, 2019** 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 9, Saturday November 23 and Saturday November 30 for residents to drop-off loose leaves or leaves placed in biodegradable paper bags. **Leaves in plastic bags will not be accepted.**

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 webpage](#), [Town webpage](#) and [Town Facebook](#).

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