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## **Leaf Collection Begins 10/25/21**

DeKalb's Annual Loose-Leaf Collection begins Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, weather permitting. Leaves are collected Monday through Friday from 7am to 4pm. Residents should rake leaves into a narrow row parallel to the backside of the curb. Vacuum trucks traveling curbside will pick up the leaves. Leaf piles must be free of debris such as large tree branches and rocks. To help prevent street flooding, do not place leaves in the street.

Crews will begin in the south half of DeKalb and work north to Lincoln Highway, to the northern city limits. The City is anticipating 3-4 collection cycles. To ensure your leaves are picked up by the final collection cycle, please make sure all leaves are raked to the curb by 7am, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Schedule and locations change to accommodate weather conditions. Public Works ceases leaf collection operations in the event of snow.

City offices are closed and there will be no leaf collection on the following days:

- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - Day after Thanksgiving

Lakeshore Recycling will also pick up your leaves, curbside, on your regularly scheduled garbage day. However, leaves must be placed in biodegradable yard-waste bags or open garbage cans. Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be collected.

All dates are subject to change based on weather conditions, particularly snowfall events, and other factors beyond the control of the City.

For more information, contact the Public Works Office at (815) 748-2040.