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2022 Philly Leaf Recycling Program

PHILADELPHIA - The Streets Department's [2022 Philly Leaf Recycling Program](#) begins on Monday, November 7 and runs through Saturday, December 17. The program is one of several services provided by the Streets Department to honor the City's on-going commitment to recycling by helping to reduce the amount of materials that reach the waste stream.

During the six-week program, mechanical leaf collection will be provided in areas known to have a heavy accumulation of leaves. The mechanical leaf collection operation will include leaf blowers, mechanical sweepers, and leaf loaders. Mechanical leaf collection crews will concentrate their efforts in designated boundaries each week, following a strategic schedule to maximize efficiency and productivity.

Follow these tips for mechanical leaf collection:

- To find out when your block is scheduled for mechanical collection
 - View [schedule](#).
 - Visit phila.gov/leaf-recycling to search an address.
 - View [city-wide map](#).
 - Check your neighborhood newspaper
- All leaves should be raked and ready for collection by 7:00 AM the day of mechanical collection. Rake leaves into the street by the curb's edge (piling is not necessary).
- If possible, move your vehicle to an off-street parking location on your scheduled collection day, so crews can remove leaves along the curb line.
- Residents in mechanical areas can also drop off bagged leaves.
- Mechanical collection crews will visit routes only once. Residents are urged to sweep and bag any remaining leaves and set out for collection on trash day or take to any bagged drop-off locations or Sanitation Convenience Center.

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Bagged leaves may be taken to any of the City's six Sanitation Convenience Centers, Monday through Saturday from 8a-6p.

- West Philadelphia [3033 S. 63rd Street \(63rd & Passyunk Ave.\)](#)
- Northwest Philadelphia [Domino Lane and Umbria Street](#)
- Northeast Philadelphia [State Road and Ashburner Street](#)
- North Philadelphia [2601 W. Glenwood Avenue](#)
- Port Richmond [Delaware Avenue & Wheatsheaf Lane](#)
- West Philadelphia [5100 Grays Ave.](#)

Bagged leaf drop-off will also be offered city-wide on the following Saturdays only at 13 locations from 9 AM to 3 PM.

- November 19
- December 3
- December 10
- December 17

Drop-off Location

15th & Bigler Sts.
43rd & Powelton Sts.
4800 Wayne Ave. (Happy Hollow Rec Center)
54th & Woodbine Ave.
7901 Ridgeway St. (Fox Chase Rec Center)
American & Thompson Sts.
Broad & Christian Sts.
Castor & Foulkrod Sts.
Cathedral St. & Ridge Ave.
Corinthian & Poplar Sts.
Graver Lane & Seminole St.
Pennway St & Cottman Ave. (Jardel Rec Center)
Washington La & Ardleigh St.

Area

South Philadelphia
West Philadelphia
Germantown
West Philadelphia
Northeast
North Philadelphia
South Philadelphia
Frankford
Northwest
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Follow these tips for bagged leaf collection:

- Bagged leaves will only be accepted in biodegradable paper bags. These bags can be processed for recycling along with the leaves. This reduces contamination in the recycling process.
- Do not mix trash or other recyclable materials with bagged leaves. This contaminates leaves and makes them unfit for recycling purposes.
- Use as many bags as needed, maximum 40 lbs. each.
- Bags may be purchased at most hardware stores. Bags are not provided by the Streets Department.
- Leaves set out curbside, either in bags or containers, will be collected as trash, not recycling.

There will be no collection of leaves on City-observed holidays. During this six-week program, leaves will be collected for composting purposes, like, fertilizing gardens and nourishing trees. For more information, residents can visit www.phila.gov/leaf-recycling or call 311.