

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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2011 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

The following guidelines and pick-up schedule are to be strictly adhered to. Please save this information, as this will help the Township to be in compliance with the State Mandated Stormwater Regulations.

Zone 1 – Northwest section including all streets west of the river and Springfield Avenue towards Kenilworth Blvd. and North Avenue West up to the Garwood/ Westfield line.

Zone 2 – Northeast section including all of Riverside Drive and all streets to the east of Springfield Ave. including North Avenue East to the Roselle Park and Kenilworth line.

Zone 3 – Southwest section and all streets west of Walnut Avenue to South Avenue West to the Clark/Garwood line.

Zone 4 – Southeast section and all streets east of Walnut Avenue, from South Avenue East to Roselle line and all streets north of Raritan Road to Roselle line.

Guide To 2011 Leaf Collection Program

1. Rake leaves to the gutter line on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday before your scheduled pickup. All pickups start on Mondays and will continue through Friday. Once your street is picked up, **DO NOT** rake anymore leaves into the street.

You may bag your leaves (Paper Biodegradable bags only, available at most Home Centers). **NO PLASTIC BAGS, or CANS!** Leaves in paper biodegradable leaf bags may be placed at curbside or kept on your property until the next scheduled pickup in your section. Leaves can be taken to the Conservation Center during regularly scheduled hours.

2. It is the homeowner's responsibility to have their landscaper comply with the proper schedule and guidelines to avoid getting a warning or a fine.

3. All sections of town will have at least three leaf pickups. A final leaf pickup of all sections will be started approximately on December 8th and continue until December 31st weather permitting. **DO NOT** rake leaves out or put bagged leaves out after Sunday, December 18.

4. If you live on a County road please call the Union County Road Department at (908) 789-3660 or visit www.ucnj.org for leaf pickup information. The town does not pickup leaves on County roads. The following are Union County roads: Springfield Avenue; Centennial Avenue; Walnut Avenue; Raritan Road; South Avenue East and West; Kenilworth Boulevard.

NO LEAVES ARE TO BE PLACED OUT FOR PICK UP AFTER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18.

The leaf pick up schedule will strictly be followed. No exceptions will be made unless it is an extreme emergency. All leaves will be picked up in a timely manner until completed. Please pay strict attention to the schedule. The leaf pick up schedule will be posted on TV 35 and online www.cranford.com/publicworks

Please keep as many cars off of the road as possible. It is important that leaves are free of sticks, rocks, stumps, etc., to prevent equipment damage. Weather permitting, street sweepers will be operating after the last pick up.

Avoid placing leaves within ten (10) feet of a catch basin or inlet. Keep inlet grates clear of leaves. Do not park on leaves as this may start a fire.



2011 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

First Pick Up

Zone 2 and Zone 3

Rake out to curb – Friday, October 28 through Sunday, October 30

Pick Up – Monday, October 31 through Friday, November 4

Zone 1 and Zone 4

Rake out to curb – Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6

Pick Up – Monday, November 7 through Friday, November 11

Second Pick Up

Zone 2 and Zone 3

Rake out to curb – Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13

Pick Up – Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18

Zone 1 and Zone 4

Rake out to curb – Friday, November 18 through Sunday, November 20

Pick Up – Monday, November 21 through Wednesday, November 23 and Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 2

Third Pick Up

Zone 2 and Zone 3

Rake out to curb – Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 4

Pick Up – Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 9

Zone 1 and Zone 4

Rake out to curb – Friday, December 3 through Sunday, December 5

Pick Up – Monday, December 9 through Friday, December 11

*Final Pick Up in all Zones will start Monday, December 19 and continue through Thursday, December 29.

CONSERVATION CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

October and November

Wednesday	9:30 am – 3:20 pm
Saturday	9:30 am – 3:50 pm
Sunday	9:30 am – 3:50 pm

December

Friday	9:30 am – 3:20 pm
Saturday	9:30 am – 3:50 pm

Permits are not required to dump leaves at the Conservation Center. You must show proof of residency.

QUESTION & ANSWERS

The Township must comply with the State Stormwater Regulations that require all leaves placed in the street must be picked up within 10 days.

Why?

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has required all towns to comply with new storm water pollution control regulations. One of the regulations is that leaves can sit out at the curb line for ten (10) days only. This regulation is an attempt to keep leaves from washing down storm sewers and into waterways. The State has mandated that Cranford (and other towns in the Rahway River watershed) must keep the Rahway River as clean as we possible can. Keeping excessive amounts of leaves out of the river is one step of a multi-approach program to keep the river clean. Other steps in keeping the river clean include keeping pet waste and litter from entering the river, reducing the amount of chemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, soap, motor oil, etc.) from entering the river, and repairing any identifiable sanitary sewer leaks into the river.

The Rahway River is a vital source of drinking water, providing over 5 million gallons of water daily to over 26,000 people. By following our leaf collection schedule you will be helping the Township meet its responsibility of keeping the Rahway River clean.

What does this mean?

Essentially this means you must get your leaves out to the curb on Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the scheduled leaf pick-up for your section of town.

I'll be out of town then. What can I do?

Rake them out to either just behind the sidewalk (if there is a sidewalk in front of your house) or rake them out to just a few feet behind the gutter line (if you don't have a sidewalk in front of your house).

-OR-

Wait until the next scheduled pickup for your section of town.

-OR-

Take your leaves to the Conservation Center at 210 Birchwood Avenue (off of Orange Avenue). Leaves are accepted at the Conservation Center all year. Leaves cannot contain other materials such as grass, sticks, rocks, dirt, etc.

This still doesn't work for me. What can I do?

You will have bag your leaves in biodegradable paper leaf bags. The bags should be printed with the word "Leaves". Place bags behind the curb on the grass, not on the roadway.

Can I rake my leaves out to the gutter anytime I want?

NO. If you ignore the schedule and guidelines you will be placing the Township in violation of State stormwater regulations. In addition you will be in violation of Township Ordinance No. 2005-18. The Ordinance can be enforced by way of warning and summons.

2011 LEAF COLLECTION MAP



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Although it is not mandatory, the Township of Cranford, Public Works Department recommends that residents bag leaves whenever possible. This helps to keep streets cleaner and prevents leaves from blocking storm drains. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!