

VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING
2024 Loose Leaf Fall Program –Collection and Policy

Fall Leaf Collection Programs:

The existing yard waste/leaf collection program will remain the same and will continue to be collected by the village's contractor, Harter's Fox Valley Disposal. Currently, the leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or a 30 gallon or less, non-breakable plastic or rubber containers with lifting handles, which are then collected on your garbage day.

The “**Loose Leaf Fall Collection Program**” is collected in the fall using village equipment and village staff. Leaves will be collected curbside by two (2) 25 yard leaf vacuum trailers that are pulled by smaller dump trucks and a recently purchased 25 yard remote-arm vacuum truck. This new vehicle will enable the village to vacuum leaves using only one person to perform the work. The driver will be able to collect the leaves by remote control which operates the vacuum chute while driving the truck. This uses less labor and operates in a much more efficient manner.

In all curb & gutter areas of the village, residents must place loose leaves (no bags) onto the terrace area, along the curb line, within 8' of the back of curb for leaves to be picked up. There is no height restrictions on the height of the leaf piles.

In areas with ditches (no curb & gutter), residents must place loose leaves (no bags) along the front slope area of the roadway between the edge of shoulder (not on the shoulder) and the center of the ditch line but not in the ditch line which could block drainage. We ask residents to avoid filling up these ditch areas with leaves. By doing so, it will avoid some flooding issues.

More importantly, it will avoid problems with the collection of the leaves due to the wetness of the leaves and the possibility of the equipment plugging up and creating more work and down time for our workers.

Once the program starts, continue to place out leaves for pick-up. This will help crews stay on schedule when the leaves begin to get heavy and work slows down due to the volume of leaves. Not all leaves will fall at the same time so it's important not to wait too long because you don't know what the weather will be as it gets colder and snowy out and may not be pick-up due to that.

Properly place the leaves as indicated in the above paragraphs. The vacuum hose can only reach out so far from the roadway and only the leaves that can be reached will be picked-up. It is important that the leaves are placed as close as possible to the roadway but not on the shoulder or in the roadway to ensure pickup.

These ditch line areas will not only be a challenge to you as a resident but also a safety concern to the village personal who will be raking and working along these areas with some ditches being very steep and deep.

These two leaf collection programs are available to the residents. You may decide to do both or just one or the other. You make the choice. Please refer to our website for our policy. **Remember the burning of leaves is no longer permitted!!**

Again, this is a fairly new program, and we know it's going to have its flaws. We'll have to adjust as we go. We ask that you be patient as we go through the season until we work out all the issues. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

Please check our website and Facebook pages for any updates and or announcements.

Fall leaf Program: Starts the week of October 21th and extends for five (5) weeks, ending Friday, December 6, 2024. This excludes the week of Thanksgiving.

PLEASE REFER TO THE GARBAGE/RECYCLING CALENDAR FOR SPECIFIC DATES AND THE VILLAGE'S WEB SITE: www.foxcrossingwi.gov/streets for the 2024 Loose Leaf Fall Collections Policy.

Any questions, please call the Street Department Office at 920-720-7110.

2024 Loose Leaf Fall Collection Policy
Curb side Pick-up

1. **Curbside leaf collection will be collected in either of the two ways or both.** The existing program is being picked up by the village's contractor and remains the same with NO changes. **The village's loose leaf vacuum pickup program** is available and residents will need to place loose leaves (no bags) either along the curb & gutter or along the roadway in open ditch areas. These areas will be picked up by the village's leaf vacuums by village crews. Village residents can use either one or both of the options if they wish, providing that the policies are followed.
2. **The curbside loose leaf fall collection starts on the week of Oct 21th and ends on Friday, Dec. 6th 2024 and is available to Village of Fox Crossing residents only.**
3. The routes will coincide with your regular garbage collection day during the weeks indicated by "**Leaf Vac/Yard Waste**" on the current Street Calendar.
4. Leaves must be placed at the curbside by 6:00 am on your collection day; and no earlier than 48 hours prior to your regular garbage collection day - per village ordinance. However, we encourage village residence to put their leaves out sooner than 6AM and more than 48 hours prior to their scheduled pick-up and throughout the program. **The village will waive this portion of the ordinance to allow the village residents to place leaves out earlier for village crews to pick up more efficiently.**
5. DO NOT pile leaves next to trees, poles, mailboxes, or other obstructions as this slows down collection crews and may cause damage to equipment or others. If possible please place leafs at least 6 feet away from these obstructions.
6. Leaf collection will try be collected on the day of your garbage. This schedule is subject to delay due to work load or weather conditions and will continue until weather prohibits (snow or ice) or the last scheduled collection day in your area, whichever comes first. In the event village crews cannot complete the collection route on your scheduled day, leaf pickup will continue the next business day until all routes are completed.
7. Unfortunately, staff is unable to provide specific dates and times for when your leaf collection will occur. The Village of Fox Crossing appreciates your patience while we proceed through the collections routes. We will attempt at least one round in every neighborhood per week.
8. Mechanical pickup means, such as lawn mower mounted baggers/grass catchers/lawn sweepers, used to pick up leaves are allowed as long as the leaf material mixture is mainly leaves. A mixture of grass clippings/ leaves is expected but all grass clippings piles will not be picked up.
9. Place leaves loosely on the terrace or on grassy areas, not on the gravel shoulders. Do not mix grass clippings, brush or other yard waste. There is no height restrictions on piled leaves.
10. In curb & gutter areas, all leaves shall be placed neatly and loosely on the terrace area of the street, along the curb line, within 8' of the back of curb with no height restrictions on piles.
11. In open ditch areas, all leaves shall be placed loosely along the front slope of the ditch from the edge of shoulder to the center of the ditch, along the roadway, with no height restrictions, but not in the center of the ditch line which could block drainage.
12. In open ditch areas, **DO NOT** fill in the ditch line completely with leaves. Allow some open areas to drain ditch areas. This will avoid some flooding issues, but more importantly, it will help avoid problems with the collection of leaves due to the wetness of the leaves and the possibility of the equipment plugging up and creating more work and down time for our workers.
13. Properly place the leaves as indicated in item #6, #7and #8. **The vacuum hose can only reach out so far from the roadway and only the leaves that can be reached will be picked up.** It is important that the leaves are placed as close as possible to the roadway to ensure pick-up.
14. **DO NOT** place leaves into the street or into drainage ditches. This increases pollution of storm water and waterways which may cause flooding by blocking drainage structures. And most importantly, piles of leaves in the street are a dangerous attraction to young children and a vision obstruction to others.
15. Any violation of the leaf collection policy will not be collected until the violation is corrected.
16. If you're currently using the village's chipping program, the Village of Fox Crossing will collect leaf material at condominium complexes and/or on private roads if the condominium association or owners of the private road provides the Street Superintendent with a declaration or assurances whereby easements are granted to operate on the private road for the collection of leaves.