



## **Village of Fox Crossing**

### **2026 Leaf Collection Programs and Policy**

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#### **Fall Leaf Collection Programs**

Option 1: Collected by Harter's Fox Valley Disposal on your garbage day during the weeks labeled "Yard Waste". Leaves may be placed in biodegradable paper bags OR a 30 gallon or less, non-breakable plastic or rubber container with lifting handles.

Option 2: Collected by Village of Fox Crossing Street Department as part of the Village's Loose Leaf Fall Collection Program (see below).

**Please Refer to the Garbage/Recycling Calendar for Specific Dates!**

**The Burning of Leaves is not permitted in the Village of Fox Crossing**

#### **Loose Leaf Collection Program:**

The **Loose Leaf Collection Program** gives residents the option to loosely place leaves near the street to be collected by the Village of Fox Crossing Street Department. Leaves will be collected by either a leaf vacuum trailer that is pulled by a smaller dump truck or a remote-arm vacuum truck.

1. The Loose Leaf Collection Program starts the week of October 19 and is anticipated to end on Friday, December 4. However, the program may end sooner if weather becomes unfavorable. The program is available to Village residents only.
2. It is recommended residents have their leaves out at least 1 day before their designated garbage day. Collection crews may be able to work ahead of schedule at times, so this will make the collection more efficient. Additionally, this will help with garbage carts not being in the way of pick up. If crews collect leaves ahead of the designated garbage day, they will not return to the same street until the following week.
3. Place leaves **LOOSELY** (no bags) and on **GRASSY** areas.
4. Once the program starts, continue to place out leaves for pick-up. This will help crews stay on schedule when the volume of leaves increases and production slows down.
5. Not all leaves will fall at the same time. It's important not to wait too long, as weather conditions (such as snow) may not allow for pickup to continue.
6. DO NOT pile leaves next to trees, poles, mailboxes, or other obstructions, as this slows down collection crews and may damage collection equipment. If possible, please place leaves at least 6 feet away from these obstructions.
7. DO NOT mix leaves with grass clippings (except if Item 12 applies), brush or other yard waste.

8. There are no height restrictions on piled leaves.
9. For **urban streets** (curb & gutter), residents must place leaves within 8 feet of the back of curb for leaves to be picked up.
10. In **rural streets** (no curb & gutter), residents must place leaves along the front slope area of the roadway between the edge of shoulder (not on the shoulder) and the center of the ditch line.
11. DO NOT place leaves into the street or into the center of the drainage ditch. Piles of leaves in the street are a dangerous attraction to young children and a vision obstruction to others. Leaves in the center of the drainage ditch increases pollution of storm water and waterways, may cause flooding by blocking drainage, and can slow down production due to wet leaves plugging up equipment.
12. Mechanical pickup means (lawn mower mounted baggers/grass catchers/lawn sweepers) used to pick up leaves are allowed if the material mixture is mainly leaves. A mixture of grass clippings and leaves is expected, but piles containing mostly grass clippings will not be picked up.
13. Violation of the Loose Leaf Collection Programs and Policy will result in leaves not being collected until the violation is corrected.
14. The Village will collect leaves at condominium complexes and/or on private roads if both of the following occur:
  - a. The Condominium Association or owners of the private road use the Village's Chipping Program.
  - b. The Condominium Association or owners of the private road provide the Street Superintendent with a declaration or assurances that grants an easement to operate inside the condominium complex or on the private road for the collection of leaves.

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

**Any Questions, please contact the Street Department**

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