



**CITY OF GREENSBORO
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City's Annual Loose Leaf Collection Program Begins November 13
More than 13,000 tons of leaves were collected in 2011-12 program

GREENSBORO, NC (October 15, 2012) – The Field Operations Department is conducting its 2012-13 Loose Leaf Collection Program from November 13, 2012 through January 26, 2013.

This year's program has two scheduled collection periods:

- Leaves that are curbside by November 13 will be picked up by December 21.
- Leaves that are curbside by December 26 will be picked up by January 26, 2013.

It's easy to use the Leaf Collection Program. Follow these tips:

- Rake leaves to the edge of your yard behind the curb - not in the street.
- Remove sticks, rocks, and other debris that may damage City equipment.
- Do not park vehicles on, in front of, or near leaves.

The leaf collection program helps keep leaves from blocking storm drains and prevents decaying leaves from polluting our lakes and streams. The collected leaves are made into compost to fertilize City gardens and landscaped areas. Residents may purchase the compost at the White Street Landfill, 2503 White Street or by calling 373-2489.

Greensboro residents can also use the City's year-round yard waste program. Simply put leaves in clear plastic bags or in a plastic or metal garbage can and set them at the curb on your regular trash collection day.

Once the leaf collection program begins, residents can check the status of collection by visiting an interactive map located at <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=538> or by calling 373-CITY (2489).

The leaf collection schedule may change due to inclement weather. The program does not service private streets.

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