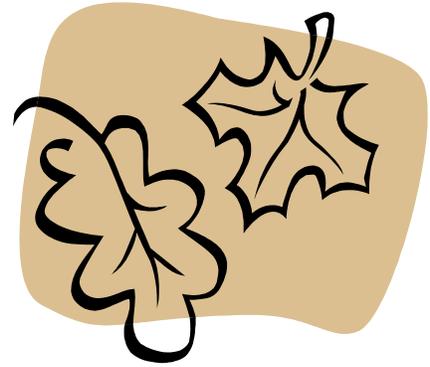


Village of Long Grove Leaf Collection Information



The Village of Long Grove recently passed an ordinance to prohibit the burning of landscape waste, and has established leaf collection services for residents. Your options for landscape waste disposal include mulching, paying for private landscape services, or weekly leaf collections in the fall. The leaf collection service will be provided by Waste Management, and is outlined below.

Importantly, these restrictions do not affect the ability to continue to have prescribed burns subject to Village permit for prairie and woodland management programs, nor the burning of tree branches and brush materials so long as the pile is no larger than 5'x5'x5'.

- Waste Management will collect leaves during a six-week period beginning October 16, 2006 on the same day your recycling is picked up (the first time if you have twice per week collection). You may set out bags/containers on an ongoing basis until December 1, 2006, but bags/containers should be set out no earlier than the evening prior to your pick up day.
- You do not need to call Waste Management or Village Hall to establish this service. Simply attach stickers to each bag/container and place them along the roadway during the timeframe listed above.
- There is no limit on the number of bags and/or containers residents may set out for collection, however, a special sticker must be placed on each bag/container. These stickers are available for purchase for \$1 each at the following convenient locations:

Cutler Hardware and Workwear — 7105 Route 83 (847-566-7325)
Geimer Greenhouses — 2727 Route 53 (847-358-6363)

- Residents may collect leaves in reusable containers (not to exceed 50 pounds in weight and 33 gallons in volume) or in biodegradable 30-gallon “Kraft” (brown paper) bags. These bags are available for purchase where stickers are available, and at most local grocery and home improvement stores and garden centers.



If you have a large amount of leaves to deal with every year, you may want to consider purchasing a machine such as the “Flowtron Leaf Eater” (pictured on the left). There are a number of manufacturers and models available, and you should choose the one that fits your needs. These machines can be purchased at area hardware and home improvement stores.

The machine chops up leaves into smaller pieces, thus allowing you to fit more into whatever bag or container you use. You can also use the results as mulch. Machines like this can handle wet or dry leaves, and claim to reduce 10-11 bags of leaves to one bag of mulch. The machine can be placed directly on a container, and has various settings, including positions for grass clippings and pine needles.

Please call Village Hall (634-9440) if you have any questions.