



## FORT WAYNE'S ANNUAL

# Leaf Pick-up

**OCTOBER 30 – DECEMBER 15, 2017**

**Want to know when crews are expected in your neighborhood?**

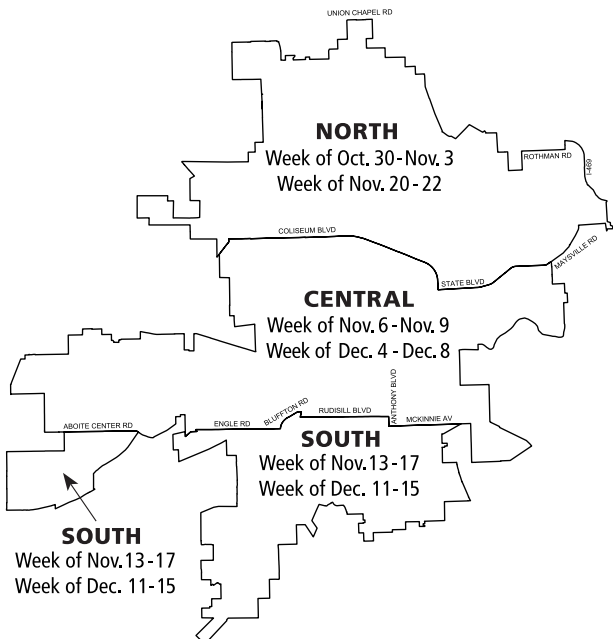
Visit the City's website at [www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves).

The site will be updated daily during the collection period with the latest information about where crews will be on a particular day.

Or call the Leaf Pick-Up hotline at 427-2302 to get daily updates.

Please have your leaves raked to the park strip or curb and ready for pick-up on the first day of your scheduled weeks.

If you choose to bag your leaves in biodegradable bags, please call 311 for pick-up. The bags will be picked up within two business days.



The planned schedule may change due to weather conditions or if the volume of leaves requires more time in a particular area.

The week of November 27 – December 1 will be a "catch-up" week, if needed.

# PREPARING FOR FALLING RAIN AND LEAVES



## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Sometimes heavy rains can totally overwhelm Fort Wayne's storm sewer system. In autumn, falling leaves can block storm drain inlets causing standing water and localized flooding even during smaller rain storms. You and your neighbors can protect your property and help ensure that emergency and other vehicles have access to your neighborhood by doing the following:



**1.** Be a good neighbor and remove leaves and other debris from the gutters and storm sewer inlets near your home before it rains. This helps in several ways:

- Helps prevent street flooding during future rain storms
- Keeps your neighborhood looking tidy and well maintained

**2.** If you notice that your street is flooding, clear accumulated leaves and debris from storm sewer inlets to keep the water flowing.

**3.** Manage yard waste properly by keeping it out of the street and storm drain.

**4.** Never pour chemicals, grease, oil, paint or any other fluids down storm sewers.

Fort Wayne's Street Department employees will be picking up leaves and will clean leaves off the streets this fall. But the City also relies on your efforts as a good neighbor to reduce flooding and protect property in your neighborhood.



Did you know that Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control is working with the Allen County SPCA and H.O.P.E. for Animals to help reduce the overpopulation of stray and free-roaming cats in our area?

Inside the city limits, our efforts are focused on the 46805 and 46808 zip codes where we're providing free TNR (Trap Neuter Return) for stray cats. These "Community Cats" are healthy and are now able to live out their lives without contributing to feline overpopulation.

For more information on how you can help the stray cats in your neighborhood, visit [www.OperationCatFW.org](http://www.OperationCatFW.org) or call the Community Cat Hotline at 260-440-8893.

Operation C.A.T. is funded through a generous grant from Best Friends Animal Society and Maddie's Fund.



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FOR ANIMALS  
SPAY/NEUTER & WELLNESS CLINIC



ALLEN COUNTY  
**SPCA**

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# **YOUR TOILET IS NOT A TRASH CAN!**

Your toilet is intended for just one activity – and you know what we mean.

If you try to flush things that are not intended to go down the toilet, you can cause a number of problems in your home including costly sewage backups, damage to your property, even damage to your plumbing. Also, when you flush things that are not intended to go down the toilet, you may cause problems in the public sewer system or at the sewage treatment plant – problems you pay to fix through your sewer bill.

## **Never flush items such as:**

- Baby wipes, disposable diapers
- Rags, towels or cleaning sponges
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Food wrappers
- Waste oil and grease
- Plastic items of any kind
- Underwear, clothing
- Unwanted medications
- Rubber items such as latex gloves
- Cigarette butts



Remember that whatever you put in the toilet can impact the environment. Never flush household wastes such as window cleaners, unused medication, paint thinner, pesticides or garden chemicals.



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