

2022 Autumn Leaf Pick Up Program

While the preferred method of removing leaves is mulching, which promotes better soil health, the Village of Oak Brook Public Works Department does provide a free leaf pickup program to a number of communities within the Village throughout the fall season. To better serve them, the staff arborist has conducted an extensive study of the many trees within their boundaries. The study included cataloguing the types, age, and vicinity of trees. This identified the need for restructuring of the leaf pickup process to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of this service. Since deciduous trees lose their leaves at different times, the restructuring includes revisions to the total number of zones and scheduled pickup dates.

Beginning October 17th, the Village will be offering the leaf pickup service to five zones. We ask that you make note of which zone your residence is located within and mark your calendar with the appropriate dates.

Zone	Areas	Dates
1	Saddle Brook Heritage Oaks White Oak Trinity Lakes	Monday, October 17 Monday, October 24 Monday, November 7 Monday, November 28
2	Ginger Creek Brook Forest Briarwood	Tuesday, October 18 Wednesday October 26 Wednesday, November 9 Tuesday, November 29
3	South of 31 st St. & east of Rt 83 Including: Lincoln, Grant and Coolidge	Wednesday, October 19 Friday, October 28 Friday, November 11 Wednesday, November 30
4	Woodside Estates Forest Glen York Woods	Thursday, October 20 Tuesday, November 1 Wednesday, November 16 Thursday, December 1
5	Yorkshire Woods Steeplechase Timber Trails Merry Lane	Friday, October 21 Thursday, November 3 Monday, November 21 Friday, December 2

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR ZONE NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED FROM PRIOR YEARS

To ensure a successful season please adhere to the following procedures:

DO NOT bag your leaves if you want the Village to pick them up. The specialized equipment we use can only pick up piles of loose leaves.

ONLY LEAVES will be collected. Please rake them to the street pavement edge. Do not include shrub clippings, sticks or other debris, which are extremely harmful to the equipment. Items like this will be left behind.

DO NOT pile leaves on the street pavement. Leaves are to be placed behind the curb or one foot from the edge of the pavement.

We ask that you place your leaves no later than the evening before your scheduled pickup date. Crews begin the pickup process during the early morning hours and any leaves placed after their arrival risk not being collected until the next scheduled date. Please keep in mind as we enter the snow plowing season the later pickups will be subject to weather conditions.