



# LEAF COLLECTION

**Oct. 21 – Dec. 30**

Leaf vacuum collection directions -- **Simply rake leaves to the front of your lawn near the curb (but NOT into the street)** and the Village will collect these leaves. Please be sure your lawn company knows to keep the leaves on your property and out of the street.

Please note:

- Do NOT rake leaves into the street! This is a safety issue for our employees, pedestrians/cyclists, and for vehicles as the leaves creates parking problems and can make the roads very slick. Additionally, leaves clog the storm drains.
- The week of Thanksgiving and the week before Luminaria, leaf pick-up will be light as the service department prepares for Luminaria/tree lighting.
- Bagged leaves will be collected on Tuesdays by Rumpke. After December 30th, leaves must be bagged for pick-up in brown paper yard waste bags, available at most hardware stores & Kroger, or in a can marked “Yard Waste” and place them at the curb after 6:00 pm the day before your RUMPKE pick-up.

The Village of Mariemont appreciates your patience and cooperation!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Q:** *When will my leaves be picked up?*

**A:** The service department will pick up leaves from October 21 through December 30. It is impossible to provide an exact schedule to residents as multiple factors interfere with leaf collection. Keeping leaves out of the street, parking in driveways instead of streets, and keeping debris out of leaf piles will allow the crew to move faster and service more addresses.

**Q:** *Will the leaves kill my grass after a few weeks?*

**A:** No. The grass may appear yellow or brown. It is dormant, not dead. Grass can remain dormant for up to six weeks without any adverse effects. You have the option to bag your leaves if this is a concern.

**Q:** *Can I rake other yard debris and yard waste to the curb?*

**A:** No. Please do NOT mix limbs and other debris into your leaf piles. The service department must stop and remove any debris as the vacuum is only for leaves. Twigs and pinecones will jam and possibly break the equipment.

**Q:** *Can I rake my leaves into the street since the leaves have been sitting for more than a week?*

**A:** Please do not allow your leaves to spill into the street. This creates a safety hazard for anyone who is walking, biking, or driving. It also takes up parking spaces and clogs the storm drains. Bagging your leaves is the best option if you are concerned about leaves sitting on your grass.