

City of Iowa City

Leaf Vacuum Program

Instructions and zone map

Iowa City will again be offering leaf vacuuming in your neighborhood. For efficient pick up, follow these tips:



Scheduling

- Leaf vacuuming begins Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, in zones 5 and 6, and will proceed in numerical order, moving to Zone 7 after 6 is complete. See the zone map on reverse side of this flyer for your zone.
- The process will repeat until the program ends Wednesday, Nov. 27.
- To see schedules indicating where crews will work over a five-day period, visit icgov.org/leafvacuum, follow the City of Iowa City on **Facebook** and **Nextdoor**, or subscribe for email updates at icgov.org/e-subscriptions. The schedule will be updated and posted daily on Nextdoor, icgov.org, and via email subscription. Weekly updates will be sent via the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts. If you do not have access to the internet, call 319-356-5181.

Preparing

- Rake leaves into a pile on the City right-of-way in front of your house, between the sidewalk and curb.
- Piles should be **no further than 5 ft. back from the curb**, as the vacuum hose will not reach further.
- Combine your leaves into sizeable piles. It slows crews to have to work with many small piles.
- The minimum size for one pile should be the equivalent of one paper yard waste bag.
- **Do not** rake leaves into the street, as they may be washed into the storm sewer and can cause flooding.
- **Do not pile leaves around mailboxes and signposts, instead place the pile in an open area.**

Parking

- Cars parked on the street slow down leaf pick up. In areas where on-street parking is heavy, 'No Parking' signs will be posted while leaf crews are in the area.
- If you live on a street with heavy parking and you wish to have signs placed, call the Streets Division at 319-356-5181 for review and consideration.
- On streets where calendar parking is enforced, leaf vacuuming will occur on the side without parking.
- Be considerate when parking on the street and avoid parking near leaf piles on pick up days.

Final Reminders

- Despite advance preparation, equipment breakdowns and weather can slow or end the program early.
- **Do not wait to rake.** An early winter requires equipment and crews to be moved to snow removal.
- Paper yard waste bags or City issued organics (yard and food waste) carts can be used in addition to the Leaf Vacuum Program and will be collected on your regular curbside service day through January.
- Residents can haul their leaves – for free – to the Landfill at 3900 Hebl Ave.