

Leaf Collection Program

Guidelines

Livingston Township is divided into three sections for the annual Leaf Collection Program. Leaves may only be placed in the street gutter on the specific dates listed in this year's **Leaf Collection Program Schedule** for each respective week and section.

Nature may not always cooperate with residents' particular collection weeks on the schedule; however, near the end of the program, Township DPW employees revisit all Township roads and sections, making additional last-minute pickups. As long as leaves are placed out for pickup by the announced final date, they will be picked up.

The Livingston Township **Leaf Collection Sections** are as follows:

Section 1: Area north of East & West Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Section 2: Area south of East & West Mount Pleasant Avenue and north of East & West Northfield Road.

Section 3: Area south of East & West Northfield Road and West Mount Pleasant Avenue west of the traffic circle.

NOTE: For more information on **Sections**, or to find a specific street, visit livingstonnj.org/LeafCollection.

Leaf collection on **Essex County Roads and State Highway Rt. 10** will occur once per week during the leaf collection season.

The final date leaves may be placed in the gutter for collection on municipal streets will be announced.

The final date that paper bagged leaves may be placed at the curb for collection on Essex County roads and State Highway Rt. 10 will be announced.

Reminder: Properties on Essex County roads and State Highway Rt. 10 (East/West Mt. Pleasant Avenue) must place leaves for disposal in paper bags which have been either provided by the Township or are their equivalent. **No unbagged leaves** for disposal may be placed at the curb line on County or State roads. Bagged leaves will **only be collected** on County and State Roads.

Stormwater Management Rules: The New Jersey Stormwater Management Rules state that leaves may not be placed any closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet or catch basin and can only be left in the street gutter for a maximum period of 7 days prior to their scheduled collection date.

The Township of Livingston is required by the State of New Jersey to enforce the Stormwater Management Rules; therefore, failure to follow the leaf collection schedule and requirements could result in warnings and fines being issued to both the resident and respective landscape

contractor. Township of Livingston Ordinance Chapter 178, "Littering," contains the requirements for disposing of grass clippings and leaves. **Residents must adhere to the following:**

Grass Clippings:

1. DO NOT dispose of grass clippings by placing them or causing them to end up on adjacent property (i.e., through air blowers or other mechanical equipment).
2. DO NOT dispose of grass clippings by depositing them in any catch basin or sewer, or by leaving them along any curb line or gutter.
3. DO dispose of grass clippings *only* by putting them in a container or bag.

Leaves:

1. DO NOT dispose of leaves by placing them or causing them to be on adjacent property (i.e., through air blowers or other mechanical equipment).
2. DO NOT dispose of leaves by depositing them in any catch basin or sewer.
3. DO dispose of leaves in a container or bag, **except during the scheduled annual Leaf Collection Program**, when they must be left at the curb line for collection.
4. DO place leaves at the curb line or in the gutter of that portion of the public street adjacent to the property from which the leaves are being disposed **only** during the annual Leaf Collection Program, according to the times and dates in the published Leaf Collection Program Schedule.
5. DO NOT place leaves closer than 10 feet from any storm drain inlet or catch basin.
6. DO place leaves in the street gutter for a maximum period of **only 7 days before** the scheduled collection date.
7. DO – if you live on **Essex County** or **NJ State roads** – place leaves for disposal either in **paper leaf bags** which have been provided by the Township, or their equivalent.
8. DO NOT place leaves at the curb lines of the following streets, which **are Essex County and NJ State roads**: Beaufort Avenue, East Cedar Street, Eisenhower Parkway, East/West Hobart Gap Road, Kennedy Parkway, Laurel Avenue, South/North Livingston Avenue, East/West Northfield Road, Old Short Hills Road, Parsonage Hill Road, Passaic Avenue, Shrewsbury Drive, South Orange Avenue, Walnut Street and State Highway Rt. 10 (East/West Mt. Pleasant Avenue). **Leaves along these roads must be bagged.**
9. DO understand that anyone who does not follow the requirements for disposing of grass clippings and leaves may be subject to a fine as established in Chapter 178, "Littering," of the Township of Livingston General Ordinances.

More Information: For questions or concerns about the leaf collection process, regulations or schedule, call 973-992-5000 ext. #5522, or visit the Township website at livingstonnj.org:

- Click the **"Report a Concern"** icon to send a question or concern, or
- Look up a street or section by visiting the **Leaf Collection** page.

Residents with a landscape contractor: Please share the requirements for grass and leaf collection disposal, along with the Leaf Collection Schedule, with your landscape contractor. Landscapers must also follow the dates of the **Leaf Collection Program Schedule** for the property.