

Leaf Collection Program

Guidelines for Landscapers

Landscapers: Livingston Township is divided into three sections for the annual Leaf Collection Program. Residents are ultimately responsible for following the requirements for grass and leaf collection and disposal, and for following the annual Leaf Collection Schedule. However, Landscapers are expected to follow the dates of the Leaf Collection Program Schedule for each property.

Summonses & Fines: Leaves may only be placed in the street gutter on the specific dates listed on the Leaf Collection Program Schedule for each respective week and section. Leaving or placing leaves, grass and debris in the street can result in a Municipal Court Summons and a fine of up to \$2,000.

New Jersey State Rules: The New Jersey Storm Water 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 these Storm Water Management Rules; therefore, failing to follow the Leaf Collection Schedule and requirements could result in warnings and fines being issued to both the resident and any respective landscape contractor.

Leaves:

1. **DO NOT** dispose of leaves by placing or causing them to end up 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 or by leaving them along any curb line or gutter.
3. **DO** dispose of leaves in containers or bags, **except during the scheduled annual Leaf Collection Program**, when leaves must be left at the curb line for collection according to dates and information contained on the Leaf Collection Program Schedule.
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, and only 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** their scheduled collection date. If leaves have already been collected on a particular street, **even if it is within/during the timeframe listed on the Leaf Collection Program**

Schedule, DO NOT put additional leaves into the street. Keep them on the lawn until the next scheduled dates. Trucks will return at that time to collect them.

7. **DO** – if the property is located 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.

NOTE: DO NOT place leaves at the curb lines of the following streets, which are **County and 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 those roads must be bagged.**

Anyone who does not follow the requirements for disposing of leaves and grass clippings may be subject to a fine as established in Chapter 178, "Littering," of the Township of Livingston General Ordinances.

Basic Leaf Collection Sections:

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

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

Section 3: Area south of East & West Northfield Road and West Mt. 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.

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.

Grass Clippings:

1. **DO NOT** dispose of grass clippings by placing 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 and putting them out with regular garbage for pickup.
4. **DO** comply with the Township's rules for the timeframes during which garbage may be left at the curb prior to garbage pickup.