SORT LESS RECYCLE MORE "AN EVERYDAY WAY TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE"

No more separating paper and containers!

Recycle in Yellow Bin:

- Newspaper with inserts, magazines, catalogs
- Junk mail including envelopes
- Phone books
- Brown paper bags
- Cereal & food boxes
- Cardboard boxes
- Empty non-hazardous aerosol cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Plastic bottles, jugs with caps and lids
- Aluminum foil and pie pans *new*
- Non-metallic gift-wrap paper *new*
- Plastic food tubs and jars *new*
- Plastic buckets and pails *new*
- BAGGED plastic film: dry cleaning bags and grocery bags must be contained within one grocery bag and tied *new*

RESIDENTIAL LEAF AND WOOD MULCH PROGRAM

Fall leaves and Christmas trees are collected throughout Alexandria in fall and winter. Materials are then shredded into wood and leaf mulch for residents.

Free mulch is available to Alexandria residents in late April, depending on weather and on a first come, first served basis.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND TELEVISION DIGITAL CONVERSION

As the February 2009 television digital conversion approaches please remember the following:

- Purchase an analog/digital converter
- Donate your old television to charity or second-hand stores
- Recycle unusable televisions at the Electronics Recycling site located at
  3600 Wheeler Avenue
  Alexandria, VA 22314
  Open:
  Monday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Why should you recycle your television instead of throwing it in the trash?

Televisions have Cathode Ray Tubes that contain environmental hazards known as toxic phosphors. Proper disposal of televisions through the City's Electronic Recycling site prevents these toxins from entering our air and water systems.

City of Alexandria
Transportation and Environmental Services
Solid Waste Division
2900 Business Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22314

703.519.3486

READY. RAKE. RECYCLE!

City of Alexandria Leaf Collection & Recycling Schedule

Begins October 24, 2008

Leaf Collection Information Hotline
703.519.3453

LEAF COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

3 Ways to Recycle Your Leaves!

#1 Rake your leaves to the curbside for vacuum truck collection

Proper Preparation

Remove stones, litter, branches or other debris. These items can damage our equipment and could hurt workers!

Avoid placing leaves in front of storm drains or water meter covers. Move parked cars off of leaf piles.

Avoid using plastic bags because they will not be recycled through our leaf collection program.

Please rake leaves into piles at the curb, it enables crews to move more quickly and collect leaves more efficiently.

Leaves must be visible at the curb of the street, not in alleys or service roads.

During peak leaf season, crews will focus on removing large leaf piles. **Please be patient as loose leaves may be left until the next pass through your neighborhood.**

Whenever possible, please try to rake leaves into piles at the curb, rather than spreading them loosely along the curbline. When leaves are in large piles, City crews can move quickly through neighborhoods and collect leaves more efficiently.

Please Note:
Leaves must be raked out the day **BEFORE** the earliest collection day scheduled for your area. Each scheduled pickup is greatly affected by the weather and rate of leaf dispersion.

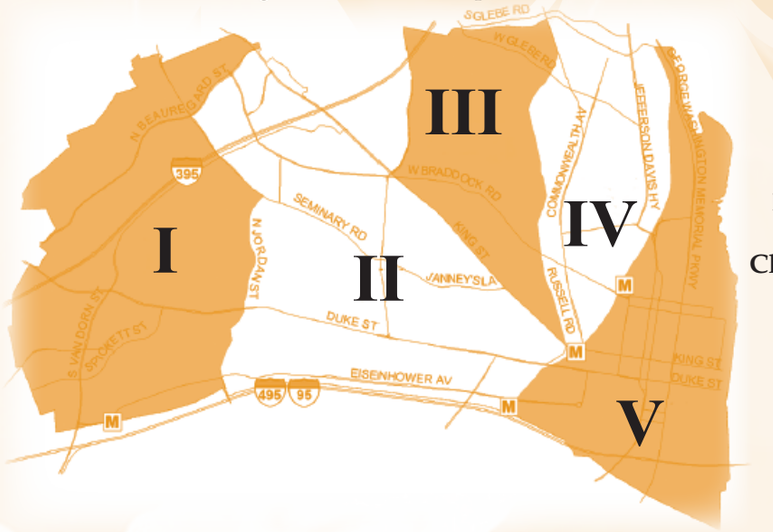
2008 Leaf Collection Schedule & Service Areas

- Refer to map to identify collection area
- Remember crews may take two or more days to finish a collection area, but they will only pass your address once during an assigned collection period.

Area I		Area II	
Rake Out	Start	Rake Out	Start
Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Oct. 23	Oct. 24
Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 10	Nov. 11
Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Nov. 30	Dec. 1

Area III		Area IV	
Rake Out	Start	Rake Out	Start
Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Oct. 28	Oct. 29
Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 13	Nov. 14
Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 3	Dec. 4

Area V
Downtown crews start on October 25 on the north side of Old Town and move toward the south side, pickup for this area is to be repeated each week throughout the collection period.



#2 Place leaves in biodegradable bags for collection

Bags will be collected one business day after your regular refuse collection day. Collection will begin October 28 and will finish January 3.

Proper Preparation
Use only biodegradable bags for leaves because they may be shredded and processed with leaves into mulch. Make sure to remove dirt, stones, litter and other debris from leaves before placing in bags.

Remember!
Leaves that are placed in plastic bags or non biodegradable bags will not be recycled through our leaf collection program. Yard waste and leaves in plastic bags will be disposed at the Covanta Energy-to-Waste Plant.

Pick up your free biodegradable bags at the following locations starting October 11

City Hall
301 King Street
Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Solid Waste Division
2900 A Business Center Drive
Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Charles Barrett Recreation Center
1115 Martha Custis Drive
Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Chinquapin Park Recreation Center
3210 King Street
Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

William Ramsey Recreation Center
5650 Sanger Avenue
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Mount Vernon Recreation Center
2701 Commonwealth Avenue
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

#3 Compost leaves and yard waste

Composting takes advantage of nature's recycling to make a valuable organic supplement.

Want to learn more about composting?

For more information, please call the Virginia Extension Service Office at 703.228.6400

For More Information:

Solid Waste Division: 703.519.3486
Leaf Collection Information Hotline: 703.519.3453
Sign-up today for Recycling & Solid Waste E-news at enews.alexandriava.gov
www.alexandriava.gov/tes

Due to budget constraints there will be no weekend, holiday, or special pick-up services for leaf collection 2008.