

#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 31 and finish January 2.

Proper Preparation

Use only biodegradable bags for leaves because they are 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 the City's 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 17. Limit of 15 bags per visit.

City Hall
301 King Street
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Solid Waste Division
2900 B 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.

Chinquapin Park Recreation Center
3210 King Street
Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

William Ramsey Recreation Center
5650 Sanger Avenue
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

#3 Compost leaves and yard waste

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

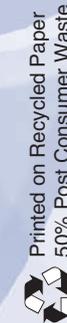
Want to learn more about composting?
For more information, please call the Virginia Extension Service Office at 703.228.6400 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/yardwaste

For More Information:
Leaf Collection Hotline: 703.746.LEAF (5323)
Solid Waste Division: 703.746.4410
Sign-up today for Recycling & Solid Waste updates at www.alexandriava.gov/enews

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LEAF COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

Three Ways to Recycle Your Leaves!

#1 Rake leaves to the curbside for vacuum truck collection

Proper Preparation

- Remove stones, litter, branches or other debris. These items can damage our equipment and hurt our workers!
- Avoid placing leaves in front of storm drains or water meter covers. Move parked cars off of leaf piles.
- Rake leaves into piles at the curb, this enables crews to move more quickly and collect leaves more efficiently.
- Ensure leaves are visible at the curb, not in alleys or service roads.
- Avoid using plastic bags, because they will not be recycled through the City's leaf collection program.

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

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 weather and rate of leaf dispersion.

2011 Leaf Collection Schedule & Service Areas

Please visit www.alexandriava.gov/leafcollection to view leaf collection information or to

- Identify your collection area or see the City's leaf zone finder.
- View leaf collection updates.

Area I		Area II	
Rake Out	Start	Rake Out	Start
Nov. 12.....	Nov. 14	Oct. 29.....	Oct. 31
Nov. 30.....	Dec. 2	Nov. 15.....	Nov. 17
Dec. 17.....	Dec. 19	Dec. 3.....	Dec. 6

Area III		Area IV	
Rake Out	Start	Rake Out	Start
Nov. 1.....	Nov. 3	Nov. 7.....	Nov. 9
Nov. 19.....	Nov. 22	Nov. 26.....	Nov. 28
Dec. 7.....	Dec. 9	Dec. 12.....	Dec. 14

Area V
Leaf crews will visit your neighborhood several times between October 31st and December 14th. Pick up in Area V will focus on the streets with the greatest to least amount of leaf dispersion. Leaf crews will continue in this manner throughout the entire collection period.

