

## ALEXANDRIA'S FALL COMPOSTING!

Take advantage of the City's composting programs this fall. Whether its curbside collection or drop-off, we have plenty of options available.

### SIGN UP FOR THE CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PILOT 2023-2025



The City of Alexandria launched a new curbside food waste composting collection pilot for residents receiving City trash and recycling services. Residents approved for the pilot will be able to place items such as fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, and bones in a dedicated bin for food waste collection instead of putting food waste in the trash.

**Sign up today. Space is limited.**

Visit [alexandriava.gov/FoodWaste](http://alexandriava.gov/FoodWaste) to register.



### PUMPKIN AND JACK-O-LANTERN RECOVERY AT FARMERS MARKETS



Your Halloween jack-o-lanterns and other pumpkins are compostable!

If yours hasn't been painted or shellacked, take the candle out, and bring it to one of the City's farmers' market Food Waste Drop-Off Stations.

Visit [alexandriava.gov/go/4299](http://alexandriava.gov/go/4299) for locations and hours.



OPEN FOR  
LEAF INFORMATION



Department of Transportation &  
Environmental Services  
301 King Street, Suite 4100  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.746.HELP



STAY IN THE KNOW!



@AlexandriaVATES

Para más información en Español  
ΑΠΛΑ ΠΑΡΑΚΛΕΙΣΤΕ  
[alexandriava.gov/LeafCollection](http://alexandriava.gov/LeafCollection)



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

## FALL INTO AUTUMN

2023 LEAF COLLECTION RESOURCES,  
FOOD WASTE REDUCTION TIPS,  
PLUS FALL COMPOSTING.

## REDUCE FOOD WASTE ALEXANDRIA!



When food is wasted, it also wastes the resources. We're not just creating a problem, we're also missing an opportunity to save businesses and residents money: **Waste Less and Spend Less** – You can spend less and waste less by buying only the food you will use.



### SMART SHOPPING

Buy only what you need and shop your kitchen first. Think about how many meals you'll eat at home this week and how long before your next shopping trip.



### SMART PREP

Prepare perishable foods soon after shopping. It will be easier to whip up meals later in the week, saving time, effort, and money.



### SMART STORAGE

Know which fruits and vegetables stay fresh longer inside or outside the fridge. By storing them for maximum freshness, they will taste better and last longer.



### SMART SAVINGS

Eat what you buy. Be mindful of leftovers and old ingredients. Households are encouraged to designate an area in the refrigerator for food that should be eaten relatively soon to prevent spoiling, and posting the prompt as a visual reminder.



### DONATE FOOD

Donate excess food to the **ALIVE! Food Hubs** which offers free food to residents of the City of Alexandria, regardless of age, citizenship status, background, or income.

Visit [alexandriava.gov/go/4260](http://alexandriava.gov/go/4260) for more tips and resources to help reduce food waste at home.

# LEAF COLLECTION

# 2023 LEAF COLLECTION GUIDE

# LEAF BAG PICK UP

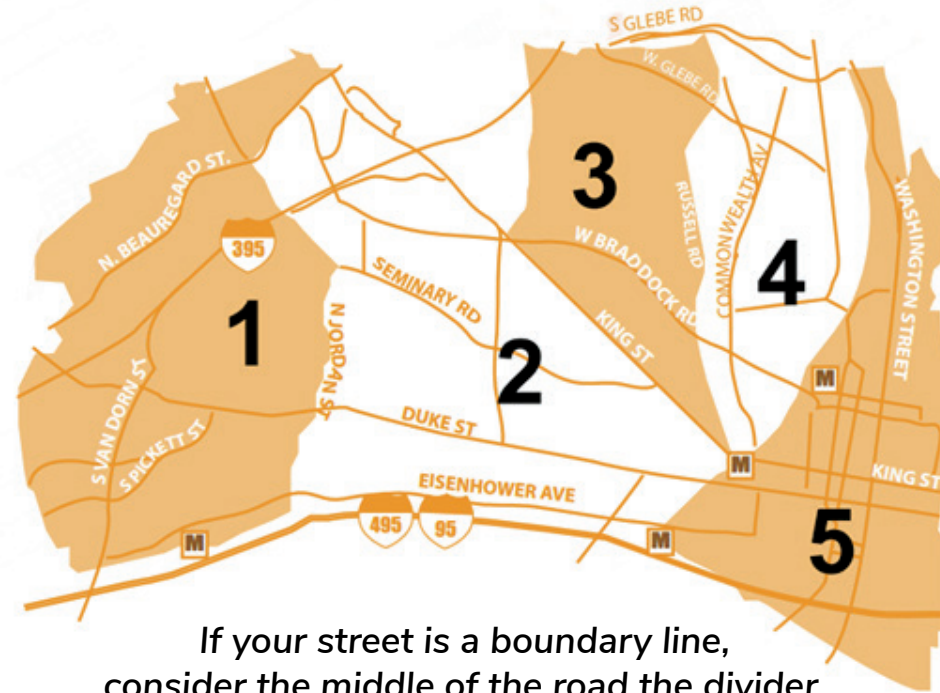
From the end of **October through January**, City crews operate leaf vacuum trucks and collect paper leaf bags.

### Leaf Vacuuming

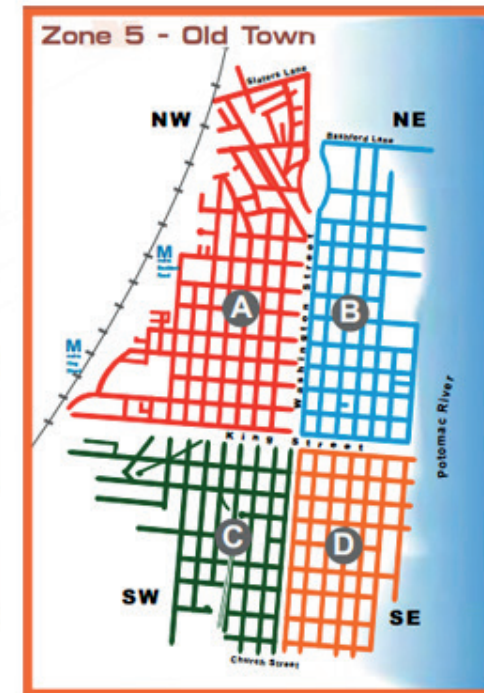
Alexandria is sectioned into five collection zones, each with a specific start date. Residents who receive City trash collection will receive three passes during leaf season. Crews will post signs listing the earliest dates of the second and third passes in your zone, but inclement weather may cause schedule delays. It will take crews several dates to complete vacuuming in one zone, so do not be concerned if you do not see a truck on your street on the first date of collection.

### How to prepare:

- Rake leaves out the day before your collection date.
- Rake leaves into piles at the street curb. This enables crews to move quickly and efficiently.
- Remove stones, litter, branches, and other debris. These items can damage equipment and injure our workers.
- Avoid placing leaves in front of storm drains or water meter covers.
- Move parked cars from atop leaf piles.
- Do not rake leaves into alleys or service roads. Neither loose leaves or bagged leaves are collected from alleys.



If your street is a boundary line, consider the middle of the road the divider.



## First Pass Dates

<b>October 30</b>	<b>ZONE 2</b>	<b>ZONE 5 (OLD TOWN)</b>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>ZONE 3</b>	<b>Section 5A</b> <b>October 30</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>ZONE 4</b>	<b>Section 5B</b> <b>November 6</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>ZONE 1</b>	<b>Section 5C</b> <b>November 13</b>
		<b>Section 5D</b> <b>November 17</b>

Scan the QR code to access the Residential Leaf Collection Viewer and look up assigned leaf collection dates based on the home address.



Leaf bags are collected curbside on your regular trash collection day. Leaf bag collection will run from **October 30 through early January**.

Using biodegradable paper bags allows the City to recycle leaves into mulch. Leaves in plastic bags, including biodegradable plastic bags, will be thrown away as trash at the Covanta Energy-from-Waste plant.

### For more information:

Visit [alexandriava.gov/LeafCollection](http://alexandriava.gov/LeafCollection) or call **Alex311 at 703.746.4311** for the most up-to-date information.

Free City leaf bags are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. **Limit: 15 bags per resident, per visit.** Bags will be available starting October 16 at the following locations:

**City Hall – Main Lobby**  
301 KING ST.  
Monday - Friday,  
7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Charles Houston Recreation Center**  
901 WYTHE ST.  
Monday - Saturday,  
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**City of Alexandria Self-Serve Shed**  
ROTH ST. & BUSINESS CENTER DR.  
Available 24/7

**Mount Vernon Recreation Center**  
2701 COMMONWEALTH AVE.  
Monday - Friday,  
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Saturday,  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Patrick Henry Recreation Center**  
4653 TANEY AVE.  
Monday - Friday,  
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Chinquapin Recreation Center**  
3210 KING ST.  
Monday - Thursday,  
6 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Friday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday,  
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

