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City of Middletown Fall Leaf Collection Program

The City of Middletown Public Works Department will begin its curbside leaf collection program on November 2, 2009. Leaves will be collected from the curb and brought to a central location for composting.

Residents are asked to rake leaves to the curb for collection. Residents may also bag leaves in plastic bags and place them at the curb. Leaves must be kept separate from brush, grass and rubbish. Only leaves are acceptable with the leaf collection. Public Works crews will be operating during the next two months to pick up the leaves in vacuum trucks.

For safety reasons, leaves should not be raked into the roadways. Leaves placed in the road pose a risk to drivers and pedestrians and create flooding hazards for neighborhoods.

During the leaf collection season, the curbside bulk waste collection will be suspended until January 2010.

Leaves can also be brought directly to the City Recycling Center. A resident pass must be obtained to use the Center from the Department of Public Works. Your vehicle registration must be presented to get the pass. The Recycling Center is open Monday – Friday 7am – 3 pm and every Saturday through November, 7am – 12 noon. Beginning in December, the Recycling Center will only be open the first and third Saturday of the month, 7am – 12 noon.

Residents can also choose to compost their own leaves in their backyard. Backyard composting is an easy way to recycle leaves and make valuable compost that can be used in gardens, flowerbeds and houseplants. Compost bins are currently on sale at the Dept. of Public Works until Oct. 12

Any questions should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 344-3407.