

Fall Tips

to Prevent Debris and Pollution from Entering Our Storm System



🌸 Pick up leaves and grass clippings and dispose of them properly in your yard debris recycle cart. Do not blow them into the street or hose them down storm drains.



🌸 Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly in your garbage can.



🌸 Wash vehicles at a carwash or in your grass. Washing on your driveway allows soaps and dirty water to flow directly into storm drains.

🌸 Never pour oil, antifreeze, paint, or any other fluid down storm drains. Contact the City of Independence's Sanitary for proper disposal.



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Leaf piles must be placed on City streets prior to these dates:

- OCTOBER 31st
- NOVEMBER 14th
- NOVEMBER 28th
- DECEMBER 12th
- DECEMBER 19th
- JANUARY 9th



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CITY OF INDEPENDENCE RESIDENTIAL LEAF PICKUP

REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LEAVES ON THE CITY'S STORMWATER SYSTEM

This service is provided
by your public works
department.

The residential leaf pickup program is for City of Independence residents whose property generates more leaves than Independence's yard debris recycling cart can handle. This important service provided by the Public Works Department reduces the impact leaves have on the City's stormwater system, rivers and wetlands.

WE WILL PICK UP THE WEEK OF:

- 1 OCTOBER 31st
- 2 NOVEMBER 14th
- 3 NOVEMBER 28th
- 4 DECEMBER 12th
- 5 DECEMBER 19th
- 6 JANUARY 9th

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

- To minimize the time that leaf piles are on the city streets affecting parking and drainage, the Department requires leaves be placed on City streets on the dates listed in this brochure.
- Pile your leaves in the street, leaving a minimum of one foot between the curb and the leaf pile.
- Leaf piles should not block the flow of storm water along the curb. Remove any leaves blocking storm drain. Watch for blockage after rains.
- Park vehicles at least five feet away from leaf piles to allow equipment room to safely pick up leaf piles.
- The department will not pick up leaf piles if they contain grass trimmings, limbs or other yard debris.
- If your professional landscape firm is unable to place leaves out during this window of time, they are required to collect and haul away your leaves.
- After January 9th the property owner is responsible for disposal of leaves from their property.

REMEMBER BRANDT'S YARD DEBRIS RECYCLING CART.

The City encourages the use of Brandt's bi-monthly yard debris recycling service as your primary source for leaf disposal. It's easy! Place leaves and any other yard debris in your "Big Brown" yard debris recycle cart, then place the cart curb side on your routine garbage service day.

Check with Brandt's (503) 838-0464 for more information about this service. Thank you for using the Big Brown cart! This helps the City redirect its resources toward other important street maintenance programs.



The City of Independence is enlisting your help in reducing the impact of stormwater runoff on our rivers and wetlands.



Storm water flowing into Independence's catch basins does not receive any treatment before flowing into our rivers and wetlands.



Storm drains are designed to prevent flooding. When you allow dirt, grass clippings, leaves, even trash and litter to enter the storm drains, they clog the storm system and increase the chance of flooding.



When it rains, water runs over the ground and picks up oil, antifreeze, pet waste, litter and other pollutants carrying them into our storm collection system, rivers and wetlands.

