City of Traverse City
2014
Leaf Collection Starts Monday, October 20

The City of Traverse City's Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin Monday, October 20, 2014. Residents are reminded that there is a City Ordinance which prohibits open burning in the City.

DO NOT PLACE leaves in the street before October 17, 2014 as this will be in violation of City Ordinance 668.03 which states: No person shall place or throw any goods, wares, merchandise, machinery, junk, wood, rubbish, manure, **leaves, grass,** sawdust, ashes, garbage or refuse **upon any public street, alley or sidewalk,** except that leaves may be placed at the curb line of streets for collection by City forces during a period designated by the City Manager for such collection. This period does not start until October 17, 2014. Anyone placing anything in the street before then is in violation of this ordinance and shall be responsible for a civil infraction.

General Guidelines - NO PLASTIC BAGS!
BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS ARE ACCEPTABLE

- On curb & gutter streets, rake leaves down into the street.
  Do Not Block Catch Basins.
- On all other streets rake leaves to gravel shoulder or paved edge of the road.
- No leaves will be picked up in alleys, except homes along Division St., East Front St. from Railroad Ave. to Munson Ave., and Munson Ave. from East Front St. to Airport Access.
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS!** Leaves should be LOOSE - State Law prohibits plastic bags at our compost site. Biodegradable paper bags are acceptable.
- No branches or brush will be picked up. Do not put them out for pick up.
- Please do not park vehicles over leaf piles in City streets.

Leaf pickup will begin Monday, October 20, 2014 on the west side of the City. Due to weather and leaf fall variables, no specific pick-up date will be scheduled. We will cover the City neighborhoods, beginning on the west side and moving eastward, over a period of 5 to 7 weekdays, and then will return to the west side to repeat the process. Leaves should be raked out for pick up as promptly as possible on or after October 17, 2014. Pick up will continue thru November 21, 2014.

Residents should remember, that if they have yard waste that they want picked up before the City's leaf pick up, American Waste will do the pick up for $2.20 per bag as part of their service. Call American Waste at 943-8088 for information regarding their sticker program.