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CITY BEGINS ANNUAL LEAF REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. Sept. 18, 2024 – The City of Grand Junction leaf removal program begins the week of October 7 and ends December 12, 2024. This annual community program is free of charge for those within city limits and assists residents with the removal of leaves. The purpose of this program is to eliminate excess leaf build-up along city streets that can cause stormwater drains to clog. Keeping leaves out of storm drains helps prevent flooding and reduces the potential for negative impacts on city water quality. Leaves collected during this program are taken to the Mesa County Organic Materials Composting facility where they are turned into compost for use in gardens and on farmland. More than 10,000 cubic yards of leaves are collected annually! More information and the [2024 Rake-Out Schedule](#).

This program is only for single-family residences within city limits. The city is divided into five different areas, with specific rake-out dates assigned to each area. Leaves must be at the curb by 7 a.m., 18" from the curb, on specific location rake-out dates. Leaves will be picked up within three days of that date, weather permitting. Only leaves and pine needles are accepted for pick-up.

City residents will receive a postcard that includes the rake-out dates for that area. Residents wanting to determine leaf pick-up areas can check the [Transportation Map](#) and type an address in the upper left corner in the "search all layers" field.

Leaves will not be picked up on Veteran's Day Nov. 11, or on either Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28, or the day after on Nov. 29, 2024. For questions call 970-256-4111.

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