

# Leaf Season Arrives With a Safety Message



Eugene's 2009 fall leaf program begins November 2. This annual service has been available to Eugene citizens since the late 1960s, offering residents both leaf pickup and leaf delivery services. The program is primarily intended to help prevent street flooding, protect water quality in local streams and keep streets safe for cyclists.

Eugene Public Works has developed a new web site to help you rake, reuse and recycle your leaves. Go to [www.eugene-or.gov/leaf](http://www.eugene-or.gov/leaf) to report leaf problems in bike lanes, view the latest collection schedule updates, track where sweepers have been, or order home delivery of leaves.

Here's the 2009 schedule for the first round of collections (unimproved streets collected in second round):




Nov. 2 to Nov. 11 -- Central and West Eugene

Nov. 9 to Nov. 30 -- North Eugene

Nov. 30 to Dec. 18 -- Southeast Eugene

Dec. 14 to Dec. 24 -- Southwest Eugene

The best thing to do with leaves is to recycle or reuse them:





-  Use leaves around the yard as mulch and compost. For tips on composting leaves, go to [www.eugenerecycles.org](http://www.eugenerecycles.org) (click on the "composting" link).
-  Take your leaves to a commercial recycler (Rexius or Lane Forest Products).
-  Use your yard debris container; your solid waste hauler recycles all yard debris.



For more information:

- Visit [www.eugene-or.gov/leaf](http://www.eugene-or.gov/leaf)
- Call the leaf hotline at 541-682-5383
- Or call Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800

If you choose to place your leaves in the street, please follow these guidelines:

-  Don't put leaves in bicycle lanes or on sidewalks.
-  Wait until the weekend before pickup in your neighborhood.
-  Pile leaves at least 15 feet away from parked vehicles.
-  Keep leaf piles free of sticks, pine needles, and other yard debris (place organic non-leaf materials in your yard debris container).

