

September 9, 2011

**PRESS RELEASE  
HIGH IMPORTANCE**

**FROM:** Matthew J. Schindewolf, Department of Public Services Director

**TO:** All City of Brighton Residents

**RE:** Leaf Collection Program for 2011

Since its inception, the City of Brighton continues to refine its Curbside Leaf Pickup Program, with regard to both service levels and taxpayer expenses for this service. We need all residents' assistance in order for it to run as smoothly as possible. We are requesting that all citizens follow the guidelines below. Please take the time to read and understand the following regarding the City's Leaf Collection Program for the year 2011. Thank you for your assistance with this program.

The City of Brighton's Leaf Collection Program will begin the week of October 3, 2011. Waste Management is picking up yard waste and leaves **FROM ALL CITY RESIDENTS** in the brown yard waste bags **every week** on your normal trash pickup day from the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 30, 2011. The brown leaf bags will be available beginning Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Department of Public Services Office, 420 S. Third Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am through 5:00 pm. Each resident is asked to take only two bundles (10 bags) at each pick up. Although there is a limit to the number of bags that can be picked up from the City, there is no limit on the number of bags that can be put out for collection during the fall months.

In an effort to make the curbside leaf bag pickup work as efficiently as possibly, please store yard waste bags where they are not exposed to heavy rain. Yard waste bags should be stored in the garage or under an over hang. If heavy rain is expected in the evening before your pick up day, we are asking residents to place yard waste bags out in the early morning. Wet, heavy leaves/yard waste can cause collection issues.

In addition to this service, the City will once again be offering its curbside leaf vacuuming services **FOR ALL CITY RESIDENTS**. This service will begin the first week in November, beginning with Section #1 (see below). The second week in November, they will begin vacuuming leaves from Section #2, and so on. Our crews will work on each section for one week. If time allows, they will move to the next section during that same week, but will continue with the schedule the following week. They will continue to visit each section on a weekly basis until all of the leaves are removed or the weather changes to where they have to concentrate efforts on snow removal.

Leaves **only** will be vacuumed as brush and twigs do not process in the machines. Residents are asked to rake their leaves into the street, but against the curb line. Please note that high piles of leaves could cause site view obstructions for vehicles. The piles should be spread out along your property's curb line.

Please see the leaf-vacuuming schedule below:

**Section #1**

Whitney, Walnut, State, Chestnut, North Second through North Seventh, South First through South Seventh, Main, Pierce, Franklin, Michigan, Livingston, Lakeside, Brighton, Madison, Washington, etc.

**Section #2**

Fairway Trails, Alpine, Devonshire, Robertson, Oak Ridge (including all cul-de sacs and courts, Glenwyth, Whispering Oaks, Woodlake (Including all cul-de-sacs and courts), Court, Northern Ridge, Long Leaf Court, Peppergrove, Baywood Circle, Brighton Lake Road, Lincoln, etc.

**Section #3:**

St. Paul, Beaver, Liberty, Flint, Williamsen, Nelson, Hillcrest, School, Church, Leith, North, East, Dutcher, Hope Clark, Kissane, O'Doherty, Maurice, Carney, Becker, etc.

Please understand that we will strive to remove your leaves in a timely manner after you have raked them to the curb. **It is not possible for the City to vacuum leaves on an on-call basis.**

Remember, burning your leaves is not allowed in the City of Brighton, by ordinance.

For more information call the Department of Public Services at 225-8001.