

**Public Works
Leaf and Yard Waste Collection**

NOTICE OF LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

All residents are encouraged to compost leaf and yard waste on site. However, residents that would like to recycle leaf and yard waste can register with Public Works for pick-up as noted below. Due to PA DEP recycling regulations for the Township, no permits for burning of leaf and recyclable yard waste will be issued. **Pick up will be BY APPOINTMENT only. Residents are required to call the Public Works office at 215-766-0189 to schedule pick up.**

LEAF WASTE:

Leaf waste will be collected during October, November and December annually. (or as season dictates). Leaf and yard waste pick up will begin Monday morning and continue through the week until all **scheduled** pick ups are completed.

Leaf pick up will be completed with a self-contained leaf vacuum acquired through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

IMPORTANT SPECIFICATIONS:

Leaf waste is to be raked into uniform rows/piles within three (3) feet of the edge of the road OR placed in biodegradable paper bags (available in most hardware and home improvement stores) at the edge of the road or driveway. **Leaves placed in plastic bags WILL NOT be accepted.** Leaf piles should not obstruct storm drain ditches or facilities when rainfall is forecast.

YARD WASTE:

Yard waste will be collected on a **monthly** basis during January, February, May, June, July, August, September, and December with pick ups occurring on the **last** Monday of the month. Pick up will occur on a **weekly** basis (depending on participation) during March, April, October and November.

IMPORTANT SPECIFICATIONS:

Yard waste consists of tree branches and limbs only.

Yard waste shall be placed in neat piles at the edge of the road, near your driveway. Limb size is restricted to six (6) foot lengths no greater than five (5) inches in circumference.

Grass clippings, trash, rocks, dirt and plants or bushes with dirt/root ball intact WILL NOT be accepted. These items should be composted within your property or disposed of properly with your solid waste hauler.

Both leaf and yard waste is to be placed curbside by 7:00am Monday following your call to schedule the pick up. Pick up will be based on citizen response, weather conditions and scheduling within the Public Works Department.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP: Christmas tree pick up will occur **beginning** the **first** Monday following January 1. Crews will begin at 7AM that Monday and travel ALL roads within the township. Crews will make a second pick up in the same manner the following week starting on Monday. We will only travel each road once per week, so please have tree curbside by Monday morning.

NO appointment is necessary. Please place trees curbside separate from your solid waste. **PLEASE** remove all lights and decorations or the tree will not be taken.

The Plumstead Township Public Works Department appreciates your cooperation.