

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.

For your convenience, Plumstead Township Public Works will be collecting leaf waste during October, November and December annually.

Yard waste (tree limbs and branches) 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.

Pick up will be BY APPOINTMENT only.

Residents are asked to call the Public Works office at 215-766-0189 to schedule pick up.

Leaf and yard waste pick up for the months of March, April, October and November will begin Monday morning and continue through the week until all **scheduled** pick ups are completed.

Pick up will be based on citizen response, weather conditions and scheduling within the Public Works Department.

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

Please remember, yard waste consists of tree branches and limbs only.

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 through your solid waste hauler.

Leaf and yard waste is to be placed curbside by 7:00am Monday following your call to schedule the pick up.

IMPORTANT SPECIFICATIONS:

- Leaf waste needs 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 forecasted.
- Yard waste-- tree limbs and branches-- are to be placed in neat piles at the edge of the road or driveway. Limb size is restricted to six (6) foot lengths and no greater than five (5) inches in circumference.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP: Christmas tree pick up will occur **beginning** the **first** Monday following January 1. **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 continued cooperation.