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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**LEAF PICK-UP STATEMENT  
Round # 2  
Weeks of November 6, 13, 20  
Alan Bleam, Director of Public Works**

We are currently receiving numerous calls from exasperated residents wondering why their leaves haven't been picked up. Several residents have come directly to the office to voice their concern.

The second round ( <https://plumstead.org/publicworks/leafcollection.pdf> ) of pick up in each of the 3 designated zones ( <https://plumstead.org/geninfo/zonemap.pdf> ) is classically "peak volume".

Some resident's piles are 5 feet high and near 100 feet long at their property frontage. Three homes like this are 1 full load. While the pick is done is 15 minutes, we then must travel about ½ hour, round trip to dump.

Each zone has approximately 45-55 lane miles of pick up. While every mile doesn't have leaves out, the rural characteristic of the township requires checking and pick up to assure completion.

Similar to snow plowing, someone will be "first", and someone will be "last".

The rural open ditch roads are picked up first because of volumes and storm run off concerns.

Secondary are the development streets that have curbs and are less susceptible to flooding if heavy rain occurs.

We currently have 3 units out on the street, the crews are working in a timely fashion, being thorough and complete.

We have been picking up leaves for almost 20 seasons. While nothing is perfect, the effort and efficiency the crews work at to complete the task, again, is like snowplowing – we make our best concerted effort – often with complaints in how quickly it is done.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience, and understanding as the crews work diligently to complete the task before them.