



# News Release

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## For Immediate Release

# Eugene, Springfield and Lane County to begin leaf pickup

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Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield are preparing to kick-off their annual leaf collection efforts. Removing leaves from catch basins, grates and gutters allows storm water to run off and prevents flooding.

Keeping leaves out of the drainage system also improves water quality because decomposing leaves use up oxygen that is needed by aquatic life in local streams and rivers. And removing slippery leaves from streets and sidewalks makes travel safer for people walking, biking and driving.

In all three jurisdictions, property owners are responsible for leaves that are placed improperly in the street or cause safety or localized flooding hazards.

Eugene and Lane County allow residents to pile leaves in the street, while Springfield only allows bagged leaves to be set out for collection.

*Leaves are the only items collected. Piles with branches, pine needles, trash, grass and other lawn debris are not accepted and will not be collected.*

To get the best information for your property, determine which jurisdiction provides service in your area, and then contact that agency. Here are the details for each jurisdiction:

## City of Eugene

Eugene's leaf collection and delivery program begins Nov. 6. Eugene's leaf program is funded by storm water fees because proper use and disposal of leaves keeps decaying leaves out of local creeks and rivers and helps prevent localized flooding caused by blocked storm drains.

After an initial focus on the central Eugene area, City crews will break into three groups to focus on designated sections of the city. Each crew has the staffing and equipment needed to collect and deliver leaves and sweep streets after the leaves have been picked up. This puts resources closer to neighborhoods and improves service on unimproved streets.

Online features allow Eugene residents to look up their address and see when they should pile their leaves neatly in a row parallel to the curb, order leaf deliveries, or report hazards such as leaves in a bike lane. *People should place their leaves in the street the weekend before crews are scheduled to be in their neighborhood.* The second round of leaf collection will start January 2. Safely pile remaining leaves in the street between December 31 and January 1.

For more information about Eugene's leaf collection and delivery services, go to [www.eugene-or.gov/leaf](http://www.eugene-or.gov/leaf) or call Eugene Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800.

## City of Springfield

In Springfield, the City provides a leaf pickup service to residents within the city limits to help prevent flooding, protect water quality, and keep neighborhood streets safe for people walking, biking, and driving. Leaves are collected in two rounds in two areas -- the west and east sides of town with 28<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Street as the dividing line.

Sanipac is contracted to pick up, haul, and recycle bagged leaves for residents within the city limits. Leaves must be put in medium-sized bags that contain only leaves. Bags containing other yard debris cannot be used for compost and will not be picked up.

Bags need to be placed curbside, not in the street, by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of the scheduled week for collection in that area. Not all bags will be picked up first thing Monday; it may take several days. Additionally, severe weather may cause delays. Landscaping, yard maintenance companies, property management companies, and residents are not allowed to blow or rake leaves into the streets.

Springfield residents can also pledge to properly dispose of their leaves for a chance to win one of two \$100 gift cards from a local home improvement store. Residents can [view this year's informational flier](#) for more details on how to enter.

The first round of leaf collection in Springfield starts November 27 west of 28<sup>th</sup> Street/31<sup>st</sup> Street, then December 4 east of 28<sup>th</sup> Street/31<sup>st</sup> Street. The second round starts January 8 west of 28<sup>th</sup> Street/31<sup>st</sup> Street, then January 15 east of 28<sup>th</sup> Street/31<sup>st</sup> Street.

For more information about leaf pickup in Springfield, visit [www.springfield-or.gov/leafpickup](http://www.springfield-or.gov/leafpickup), call 541-525-2658 or email [leafpickupprogram@springfield-or.gov](mailto:leafpickupprogram@springfield-or.gov).

## Lane County

Lane County Public Works will begin its annual leaf pick-up program on Monday, November 13. The County collects leaves in two rounds in two general areas: Santa Clara north of Beltline Highway and several Springfield locations generally just outside the city limits. Lane County crews may be working in your zone prior to official collection dates if time allows; however, crews will return to your zone as scheduled.

Lane County provides a leaf collection information line (541-682-8565) updated at 5:00 p.m. each Friday. It describes where leaf pickup begins on a weekly basis. For more information go to [www.LaneCountyOR.gov/LeafPickUp](http://www.LaneCountyOR.gov/LeafPickUp), call 541-682-6905 or e-mail [leafcollection@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:leafcollection@lanecountyor.gov).

## Leaf Preparation Guidelines

Two priorities that are the same in all three jurisdictions are public safety and operational efficiency. Here are some tips to help meet those objectives:

- In Eugene and Lane County, leaves must be in the roadway but piled at least 15 feet away from parked vehicles. Do not bag leaves.
- In Lane County leaf pickup will be provided for paved curb-and-gutter streets only. In Eugene, unimproved streets are picked up during both rounds but equipment must be able to reach the leaves from the hard road surface.
- In Springfield, leaves need to be put in medium-sized bags that contain only leaves. The bags should be placed curbside, not in the street.
- Do not pile leaves in bike or traffic lanes or on curbs or sidewalks.
- Keep storm drains and gutters clear to prevent localized flooding.
- **Do not mix in other debris such as branches, rocks, lawn clippings, pine needles, or trash.**
- Leaves are not picked up in private yards.
- Wait to put leaves in the street until the weekend prior to collection.
- Consider recycling leaves as compost or mulch material.

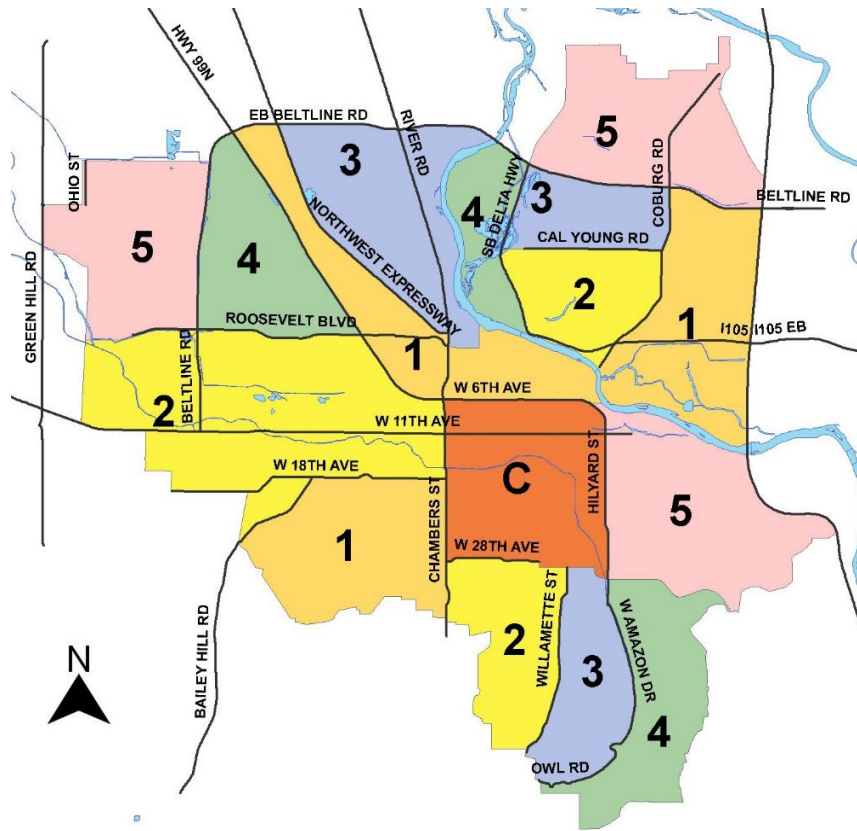
## Schedule Information

<b>Eugene</b>	<b>Leaves Out For First Round</b>	<b>First Round</b>	<b>Second Round</b>
Central/Core	Nov. 4 to Nov. 5	Nov. 6 to Nov. 10	Starts Jan. 2
Zones 1	Nov. 11 to Nov. 12	Nov. 13 to Nov. 17	Starts Jan. 2
Zones 2	Nov. 18 to Nov. 19	Nov. 20 to Dec. 1	Starts Jan. 2
Zones 3	Dec. 2 to Dec. 3	Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	Starts Jan. 2
Zones 4	Dec. 9 to Dec. 10	Dec. 11 to Dec. 15	Starts Jan. 2
Zones 5	Dec. 16 to Dec. 17	Dec. 18 to Dec. 29	Starts Jan. 2

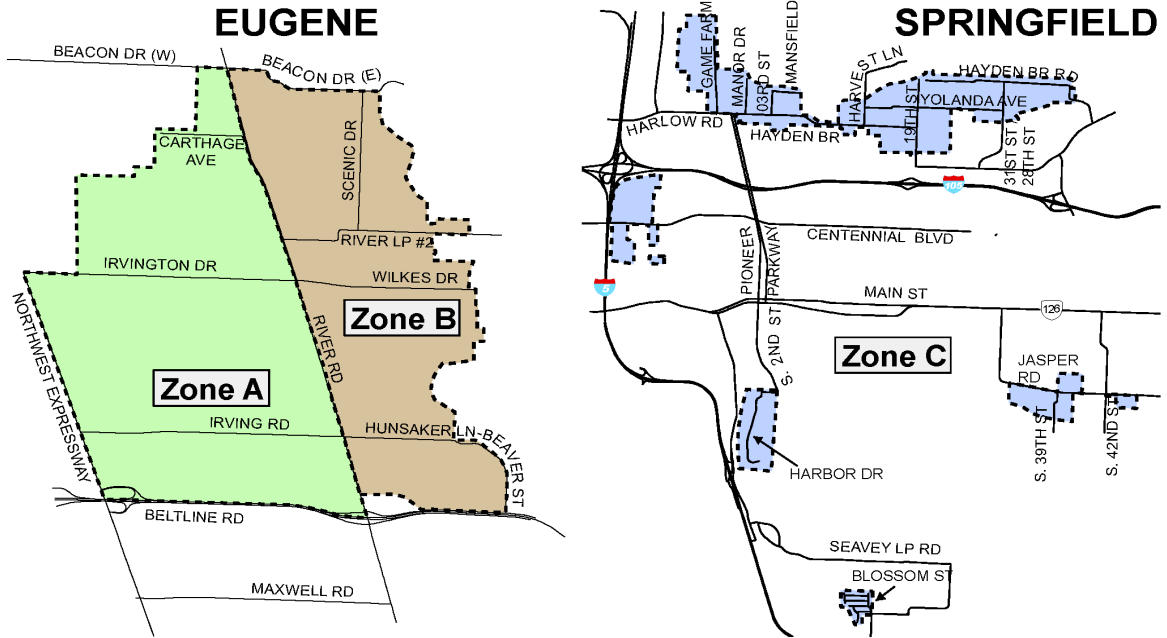
<b>Springfield (Leaf Pickup Dates)</b>	<b>First Round</b>	<b>Second Round</b>
West of 28 <sup>th</sup> Street/31 <sup>st</sup> Street	Nov. 27	Jan. 8
East of 28 <sup>th</sup> Street/31 <sup>st</sup> Street	Dec. 4	Jan. 15

<b>Lane County (Leaf Pickup Dates)</b>	<b>First Round</b>	<b>Second Round</b>
Zone A (Santa Clara west of River Road; see map)	Nov. 13 to Nov. 16	Dec. 4 to Dec. 7
Zone B (Santa Clara east of River Road; see map)	Nov. 20 to Nov. 22	Dec. 11 to Dec. 14
Zone C (Springfield area (see map)	Nov. 27 to Nov. 30	Dec. 18 to Dec. 21

# Eugene 2023 Leaf Service Area Map



# Lane County 2023 Leaf Service Area Map



# Springfield 2023 Leaf Service Area Map

