

LEAF PICK UP DO'S AND DON'TS



Piles of leaves in the street cause traffic hazards

- Emergency vehicles may be hindered during an emergency run.
- Leaf piles can cause drivers to veer into oncoming traffic to avoid leaf piles
- If cars are parked over a pile of dry leaves, the heat from the catalytic converter could cause a fire.
- If it snows before leaves are collected, leaves that are in the street freeze to the pavement and make it difficult to keep the streets open to traffic.

Piles of leaves in the street impede collection by city crews

- If cars are parked on or beside leaf piles, city crews cannot collect these leaves
- When it rains, leaf piles in the street cause drainage blockages that can cause streets to flood and storm sewers to become clogged with leaf debris.
- When the storm sewers become clogged, the Public Works crews must then clean the storm sewer to reinstate the free flow in the storm sewer.

Piles of leaves in the street is a violation of Village ordinance 311.01

- It is a violation of Village ordinance to place anything (leaves, branches, twigs, ect.) in the street that can be washed into the Village water-shed.



EXAMPLES OF GOOD LEAF PILES



Leaves in a long, narrow pile make it easier to collect with leaf vacuum.



Park cars away from leaf piles.



Pile leaves away from fire hydrants, mailboxes and street signs.

EXAMPLES OF BAD LEAF PILES



Do not place brush or any other debris with the leaves. This debris damages the leaf vacuum.



Do not pile leaves in the street or curb. Keep leaves in the grass area between the curb and sidewalk.



Keep Leaves away from street storm drains. Leaves flow into the storm sewer and cause blockages and street flooding.