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Press Release

East Hartford 2009 Leaf Collection Schedule Announced

East Hartford, East Hartford Public Works Director Billy Taylor announced today that the annual curbside leaf collection program of the Town will begin on Monday, November 9, 2009. **Residents are asked to note that the program will feature a one-time vacuuming of leaves placed next to the edge of the road in piles unlike in the past when leaves from each street were vacuumed twice.** Town crews will also pick up leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags through December 11, weather permitting. Leaves will be vacuumed Monday through Saturday from November 9 until leaves are collected once along each street, weather permitting. There will be no leaf collection on two Town-observed holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day, November 11 and 26.

Leaves in biodegradable brown paper bags will be collected weekly. Leaf bags are available at a discounted price of 25 cents each and may be purchased at the Public Works office at 61 Ecology Drive; Burnside Hardware, 629 Burnside Avenue; Raymond Library, 840 Main Street; the Parks and Recreation Office, 50 Chapman Place, Lower Level; and the Mayor's Office at Town Hall, 740 Main Street; through December 11, 2007. **The use of bags is strongly urged since there will only be one round of vacuum collection and snowfall prior to the finish of the one round may cause the suspension of vacuuming leaves until spring. Residents must have all of their bagged leaves at curbside by December 7 to ensure collection. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected and bags with grass clippings, branches or other foreign matter will not be collected.**

Residents may also bring their leaves to the Transfer Station on Ecology Drive. Bulky waste permits are not required for residents entering the Transfer Station with leaves only. Normal Transfer Station hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:15 A.M. to Noon and 12:30 to 2:45 P.M. and on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. The Transfer Station will also be open on Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, November 28 for drop-off of leaves only.

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The curbside collection by vacuuming will begin on November 9 where Town residential trash is collected on Wednesday. It will then proceed to the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday trash collections routes in that order.

Progress of the collection is weather dependent and will be affected by rain or snow. Snowfall before mid-December may cause a suspension of the program until snow has melted allowing leaves to be vacuumed.

The progress of the leaf collection program will be available on the Public Works 24 hour information telephone line, 291-7374, or by calling the Highway Services Division at 291-7371, Monday through Friday between 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Frequent updates will also be posted on the Internet at http://www.ci.east-hartford.ct.us/Public_Documents/EastHartfordCT_DPW/index .

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