

SUMMIT CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

CURBSIDE PICKUP IS ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY

CITY OF SUMMIT
DEPARTMENT OF
**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Burning leaves or including leaves with household garbage are prohibited by state law. Leaves may be composted on your property, collected at curbside by the city, or brought to the municipal compost area.

At Curbside

- Use **biodegradable paper bags only!**
- Pickup is on garbage collection day.
- Leaves left at the curb after the last scheduled collection day will **not** be picked up and must be removed from the curb by the resident.

At Home

- Residents are encouraged to create a compost pile on their property.
- *Backyard Leaf Composting*, a pamphlet prepared by the Cooperative Extension Service of Rutgers University's Cook College, is available from the Department of Community Services.

At Compost Area

- Do not mix leaves with other yard waste.
- If plastic bags are used, remove them after emptying their contents in the area designated for leaves only.
- Biodegradable paper bags may be left, or emptied and reused.
- Landscapers or gardeners serving Summit residents **must** purchase coupons for leaf disposal from the Department of Community Services. Commercial vehicles must be registered (with tare weights recorded) prior to the purchasing of coupons. The coupons are available in half-ton minimums, with quarter-ton increases thereafter. All loads must be weighed on the transfer station scale prior to dumping.
- A resident's combination parking-and-disposal-area sticker is required for access to the compost area.
- Using this facility without a permit is a violation of city ordinance *Title 44, Section 17(b)*.

No Burning

- The burning of leaves is prohibited by *Chapter 151 of the New Jersey Public Laws of 1989*.

Why can't leaves simply be raked into the street?

- Can cause local flooding by clogging catch basins and gutters
- Become slippery when wet which may cause accidents
- If dry, are a fire hazard when in contact with the hot catalytic converters of parked motor vehicles.
- Present a safety hazard to small children who may play in the leaf piles
- On some streets piles can temporarily reduce the width from two lanes one lane, impeding traffic and causing a potential traffic hazard
- A significant increase in taxes would be required for additional personnel and equipment.
- The raking of leaves into the street is prohibited by *Revised General Ordinances, 3-12.2*.

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AUTUMN COLLECTION
DATES**

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