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City Issues Leaf Collection and Disposal Advisory

ROCKFORD, ILL. – The City of Rockford has issued an advisory to residents regarding leaf collection and disposal. Residents are reminded to not dispose of leaves in streets, detention basins, rivers, creeks, drainage ways, and ditches, or by burning. Disposing in those locations is a violation of City codes and causes nuisance flooding and downstream pollution.

Property owners are responsible to make sure storm inlets adjacent to their property are free of leaves and other debris that may cause blockages.

Residents can dispose of yard waste on their regular garbage pick-up day through the end of November, provided they are properly contained and placed at the curb. Proper containers are 30-40 gallon biodegradable 2-ply paper bags or standard garbage cans of 32 gallons or less marked with a bold “X” on the side of the can facing the street. There is a 50-pound maximum weight limit for all approved containers. Branches and limbs less than 4 inches in diameter may be bundled with string or twine and placed for pick-up as long as they don’t exceed four feet in length, two feet in diameter and 50 pounds by weight. Yard waste cannot be mixed with regular garbage.

Leaves can also be composted or mulched and provide valuable nutrients to lawns and flower beds. Burning of leaves and other landscaping waste is illegal in the City of Rockford.

Please contact the City of Rockford Community and Economic Development Department at 779-348-7444 or the City of Rockford Public Works Department at 779-348-7175 for further questions regarding proper disposal of yard waste

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