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LEAF COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The City of Rockford would like to remind residents not to dispose of leaves in streets, detention basins, rivers, creeks, drainageways or ditches. Not only is this a violation of City codes but it causes nuisance flooding and downstream pollution. It is also illegal to burn leaves.

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

As part of their garbage collection services residents can dispose of yard waste on their regular garbage pick-up day provided they are properly containerized and placed at the curb. Proper containers are 30-40 gallon biodegradable 2-ply paper bag or a standard garbage can with a bold "X" on the side of the can facing the street. Branches and limbs less than 4" in diameter bundled with string or twine may be placed for pick-up as long as they don't exceed four feet in length, three feet in diameter and 75 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.

If you have any further questions regarding proper disposal of yard waste please contact the City of Rockford Community Development Department at 815-987-5566 or Brad Holcomb at the City of Rockford Public Works Department at 815-967-7061.

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