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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 from typically the beginning of April to the end of November, 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 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.

If you have any further questions regarding proper disposal of yard waste please contact the City of Rockford Community Development Department at 779-348-7444 or the City of Rockford Public Works Department at 779-348-7175.

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