

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **NOTICE:**

The City of Bentonville will start its first fall leaf curbside pickup on Monday, November 30, 2009. This collection is for bagged leaves only. All bags shall be securely closed and placed near the curb or edge of street. Please do not place bags in ditches or other areas where they may adversely affect drainage.

City crews will begin a sweep through the City on November 30 and collection will run through December 19. City crews will travel all streets one time and will not repeat routes for bags placed after November 30. The City asks that citizens be patient and understand that bags may sit a few days before being removed. Bags placed after November 30<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be picked up. Disposal of any bags still at the curb or near edge of street after December 19 will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Rules for this program are as follows:

- Leaves Only. No waste other than leaves will be collected. No limbs will be collected.
- Leaves shall be bagged. Owner is responsible for bags. The City will not supply or sell bags for this program.
- All bags shall be placed by 8:00 am November 30 for collection.
- This program applies only to single family and duplex residential properties. Commercial properties and apartment complexes are not included in this program.
- All bags shall be securely closed and placed within 10' from curb or edge of pavement/street. Please place at a location away from your normal trash collection.
- Do not place bags in drainage ditches. Place on top of bank away from street.
- City forces will not enter private property to collect bags. Bags not placed near street will not be collected.
- Property owner shall be responsible for proper disposal of leaves not collected after December 19.

For information regarding this program, contact Public Works Maintenance 479-271-3190 or Public Works Director 479-271-6720.

In addition, citizens may dispose of leaves themselves at the City's Compost Facility at 2000 NW A Street. The Compost Facility hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The facility accepts grass and leaves from Bentonville residents with a copy of a utility bill, and photo id. Brush and limbs are accepted from all residents and non-residents without a copy of a utility bill or photo id. The Compost Facility will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The facility will be open normal operating hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) on Saturday, November 28.