

MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services

2014 Annual Leaf Collection Season

Leafing Season to Begin November 10, 2014; See Below for More Details

Montgomery County's Department of Transportation (MCDOT), Division of Highway Services (DHS) will soon begin its annual leaf collection services in your neighborhood. The first round of the 2014 services will begin on November 10, 2014. The Leaf Collection Program continues for six to eight weeks, and includes **two scheduled pick-ups**. Only neighborhoods in the Leaf Collection District are eligible for this service. If you are receiving this letter, you are eligible. Please refer to the map on the back or visit our website to find your Leaf Collection Area. The Leaf Collection Schedule is **POSTED ONLINE** at the following address: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/Leaf/PostingLog.html. For additional information including pick-up schedules, please call DHS at 240-777-7623.

First Leaf Collection

DHS Leafing Crews will display Leaf Collection signs throughout approaching neighborhoods several days before the scheduled leaf collection date.

NEW THIS YEAR !!!!!

The signs will display the website address where you will find actual pick up dates:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/Leaf/PostingLog.html

The schedule will provide enough notice to provide a weekend for residents to rake their leaves to the edge of the road for vacuum pick up. Signs will be removed after crews complete each street. Again, the posting of signs is your first notice of the leafing service. Please refer to the website for actual pick up dates.

Second and Final Collection

The second and final collection will begin shortly after Thanksgiving. The timing depends entirely on weather conditions and rain delays. The same posting, collection, and sign removal procedures are used for both vacuum collections.

In order to best service you and your neighbors, we ask that you do not rake

leaves into the streets, but rather leave them near the edge of your property nearest the road. Placing leaf piles in the street can cause many problems such as:

- *Disrupting traffic* - Many neighborhoods have narrow streets and on-street parking. Leaf piles extending into the roadway limits parking and the ability of vehicles, especially school buses, to safely negotiate the streets.
 - *Disrupting surface drainage* - Rain storms can cause leaves piled in roadway to clog storm drains.
 - *Hampering snow removal operations* - Snow covered leaf piles can become frozen to the roadway surface and can also become extremely heavy
 - *Becoming very slippery in wet weather* - causing hazards to vehicles attempting to stop, start or change direction. Accidents have resulted from such causes.
- Keeping leaf piles out of the streets prevents these problems. Rest assured that our crews can get to leaves that are placed on the grass near the roadway. Any discoloration of the grass is temporary as it is dormant at this time of year.

Residents Should Not:

- Place leaf piles in the street
- Place sticks or other debris in the leaves
- Place leaves in plastic bags
- Block access to leaf piles by parking cars on or in front of leaf piles

Residents Should:

- Note the information on the posted signs
 - Rake leaves to the road edge or place leaves in paper yard waste bags.
- Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be collected.**
- Keep parked vehicles away from leaf piles to allow crews easy access.

The actual collection of the leaves can be affected by rain, snow and ice. These fac-



Please do not place leaf piles in the street. Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to \$1,000



Leaves should be piled for pick up along the edge of the road and out of the street

tors may cause a longer than normal collection effort. Depending on the severity of the inclement weather (which affects the ability of our leaf vacuums to collect leaves), other means of collection may be employed. If you believe that your leaves may have been missed, please contact the MC311 Call Center by dialing 311 or 240-777-0311.

We appreciate your cooperation with our efforts to promote a safe and efficient leaf collection operation in your neighborhood!



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NOTICE OF UPCOMING ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION SEASON

IMPORTANT MCDOT CONTACTS

Division of Highway Services (DHS)

Phone: 240-777-7623

Fax: 240-777-7670

Should your questions be of a more general nature please contact the MC311 Call Center at 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311.

DHS Email:

mcdot.highway@montgomerycountymd.gov

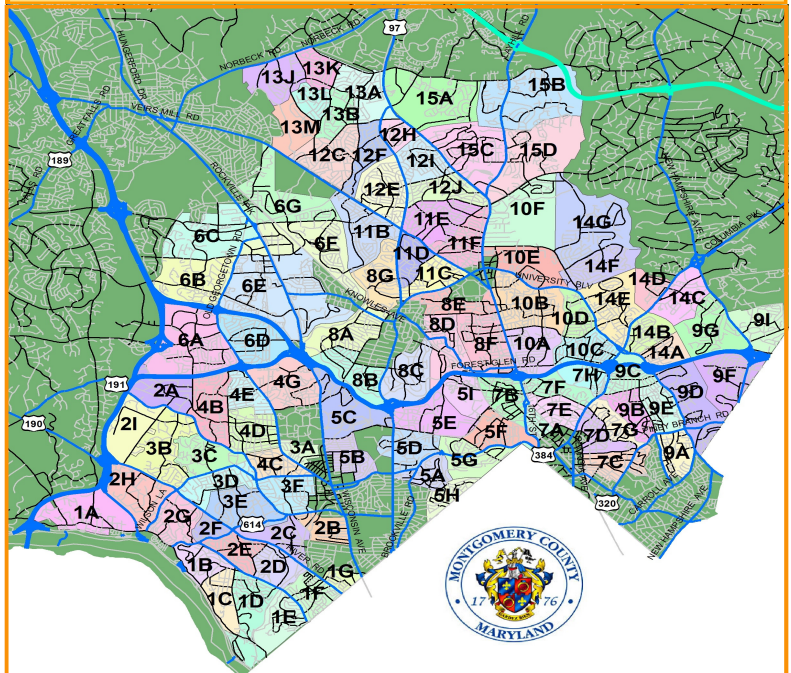
DHS Leafing Webpage:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/leaf/index.html

DHS Leafing Schedule:

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Leaf Collection Areas



You can also find your leafing area using the interactive map on our Leafing webpage