



Elkader property owners:



The process to collect leaves has changed this year. This is what you need to know:

The new street sweeper also has a vacuum feature. Instead of bagging leaves this year, you can simply rake them to the curb, let us know when you are ready, and we will be by to vacuum your leaves.



- Rake leaves to the back of the curb.
- Try to avoid leaves in the gutter or street. Blocked storm sewers cause water back-up/flooding.
- Do not park near where you place the leaves so that our sweeper can access the leaves.
- Avoid piling leaves around mailboxes, utility poles, guide wires and other obstructions.
- When you are ready for leaves to be picked up, text LEAVES to 1-563-766-7355. At the first prompt you will text LEAF and the second prompt you will text your name and address. If you do not text, call City Hall at 245-2098 to tell us you are ready for the leaves to be picked up.
- LEAVES ONLY! Please no landscape waste, sticks, garbage, rocks or dirt.
- Depending on the number of residents that have leaves ready at the same time, it may take a day or two to reach all residents. It also may take multiple trips per house if you have a lot of leaves.
- Please make sure children and animals do not play in the leaf piles.

Due to the new service, we will not be picking up bags of leaves or piles of sticks curbside. Please see the reverse side of this sheet if you chose those options.




Since this is the first year using a leaf vacuum, please bear with us as we work through problems or issues with the process. Your patience is appreciated!

If you take your leaves, yard/garden waste or sticks to the “burn pile” (a.k.a. County sandpit):

- This facility must remain locked per laDNR guidelines. You can check-out a key from City Hall and lock it when you leave.
- There are separate piles for sticks/wood and leaves/yard/garden waste. Do not mix the two piles!
- NO BAGS! Everything must be dumped from bags.
- Not allowed in either pile:
 - No lumber or miscellaneous wood.
 - No concrete.
 - No rocks.
 - No contractor trees.
 - No trash!

Your cooperation is appreciated. If the laDNR decides residents are not following the proper rules, then we may have to make changes such as prohibiting residents from dropping off materials when city employees are not on site. This could result in a charge for the service.



If you have questions, please: call City Hall at
(563) 245-2098,

or email celkader@alpinecom.net or
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or send a Facebook message.