VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION AREAS

Vacuum leaf collection areas are based on geographic boundaries, including key roads and neighborhoods.

Area 1 - Neighborhoods North of Leesburg Pike (McLean/Falls Church area)

Area 2 - Between Leesburg Pike & Route 29

Area 3 - Between Route 29 & Arlington Boulevard

Area 4 - Between Arlington Boulevard, Gallows Road & Annandale Road

Area 5 - Between Annandale Road, Sleepy Hollow Road & Columbia Pike

Area 6 - Between Sleepy Hollow Road, Leesburg Pike & Columbia Pike

Area 7 - Neighborhoods North of Leesburg Pike & East of Columbia Pike (Bailey's Crossroads area)

Area 8 - Neighborhoods South of Little River Turnpike & South of the Capital Beltway

Area 9 - Hiddenbrook Neighborhood

Area 10 (M/N) - Mantua Neighborhood/Near Mantua Neighborhood

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VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) provides vacuum leaf collection for residents in designated areas from November through January. It operates in three collection rounds. Residents simply place leaves at the curb for specialized trucks to collect and transport them for shredding into mulch or composting.

To ensure smooth and effective collection in your neighborhood, please review the program guidelines and take advantage of this valuable service. Thanks for helping us keep our community clean and safe.

Vacuum leaf collection is funded through a service charge paid by participating residents.

STAY INFORMED

- For real-time schedule updates, visit **www.fairfaxcounty.gov/leaf** and click on "Schedule and Status."
- Look for bright yellow signs in your neighborhood and scan the QR code to visit the webpage.
- Report service issues by calling 703-802-3322 (TTY 711) or email dpwestrashcs@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Sign up to receive email announcements by visiting: **www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/leaf-subscribe**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE 2025 SEASON

- Service will be provided to no more than two areas at a time. Each area will be fully serviced before moving on to the next.
- Each area has been divided into sections: A, B, C and sometimes D.
- Leaves must be placed at the curb by the scheduled start date for leaf collection on your street.
- A Quality Control Team will document leaf volumes before the start of active collection and provide additional oversight.

VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Vacuum Leaf Collection begins **November 1, 2025** and ends **January 2026**.

- The schedule displays the start date for each area by section and by round.
- There will be three rounds of service.
- Use the "Schedule and Status" to find the start date for your street.
- Once a street is complete, the schedule will display the completed date as well as the word "Complete."
- Collection dates may change due to weather, the rate of leaf fall, or other factors.

SUSTAINABLE LEAF MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Try these easy, anytime solutions to manage your leaves.

- **Mulch mowing**: Use a lawnmower with a mulching blade to process leaves into natural fertilizer for your lawn.
- **Composting**: Rake leaves into wooded areas or create compost piles for future use. This method also supports pollinators and retains soil moisture.
- **Unused leaves** can still be set out for vacuum leaf collection following the guidelines in this brochure.
- Pick up some free leaf mulch at the I-95 Landfill Complex to use in your garden.

HOW TO PREPARE LEAVES FOR COLLECTION

- Place only leaves at the curb for pickup - no rocks, soil, sticks, grass, trash, or other debris.
- Create leaf piles no more than 4 feet from the edge of the street. Do not block streets, mailboxes, storm drains, or drainage ditches.
- Ensure leaf piles are clear of parked vehicles, as vehicles blocking piles create safety hazards and limit access.
- Leaves raked out after the third pickup will not be collected. Uncollected leaves should be placed in rigid containers or compostable paper yard bags and set out for yard waste pickup. Limit: 10 bags per pickup.
- Reminder: Yard waste season ends December 24, 2025.

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