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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: FALL LEAF COLLECTION

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) will collect leaves from Marion County residents from **Monday, November 9, 2015 to Friday, December 4, 2015**.

Each year, DPW collects about 2,000 tons of leaves from Marion County residents. DPW's fall leaf collection service is offered at no additional cost to residents.

Residents may place up to 40 bags of leaves per household at the curb for collections. Residents should place leaf bags curbside on the day of their regular trash pickup for collection. Residents need to have leaf bags and regular trash at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure collection.

GUIDELINES

• Place leaves in plastic or specially built paper yard waste bags

• Place leaf bags outside by 7 a.m. on your regular trash day.

• Residents with trash carts must keep all leaf bags at least 3 feet away from trash carts. **Regular trash that is not inside the cart will not be picked up.**

• Clear leaves and debris from storm drains to avoid flooding and drainage problems.

COMPOSTING

Making your own home compost can be an economical and environmentally prudent way to deal with yard waste. The process produces material you can apply to enrich your soil and promote growth of plants and flowers. Here's how to set up home composting:

• Build your own enclosure to a size appropriate for the amount of yard waste you deal with, or simply form a pile made up of grass clippings, dead leaves, weeds, tree prunings, etc.

• Start with a layer of about six inches of waste.

• Cover with one inch of top soil.

• Repeat layers as needed, adding a small amount of lime or nitrogen fertilizer to each, if you like.

• Make a dish-like area on the top layer and add water to make the mixture about as moist as a squeezed-out sponge.

• Turn the whole pile over weekly, and check the natural heat it generates. The compost is ready to use when the temperature drops.

MORE QUESTIONS?

• For more information of fall leaf collection, visit www.indy.gov/dpw. Click on trash, then click on leaf collection in the drop down menu.