



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

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SOUTH BEND RELEAF PROGRAM BEGINS OCTOBER 26

The 2015 Fall ReLeaf program will run Monday, October 26 through Monday, November 30.

The City is divided into four quadrants: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest. Collection crews will visit each area twice.

The City rotates the quadrant where leaf collection begins and ends. This year, leaf pickup will start in the Southwest quadrant.

Southwest – Oct 26-28 **-and-** Nov 11-13

Northwest – Oct 29-30, Nov 2 **-and-** Nov 16-18

Northeast – Nov 3-5 **-and-** Nov 19-20, Nov 23

Southeast – Nov 6, Nov 9-10 **-and-** Nov 24-25, Nov 30

Here are some helpful steps from the Street Department to streamline the leaf collection process:

- Please rake leaves to the curb line but **do not rake leaves into the street**, as this will plug the street drains, which could cause flooding during rain.
- Avoid parking on top or in front of leaf piles along curb lines, as this hampers collection crews.
- Do not contaminate leaf piles with sticks, trash, or other debris. To prevent equipment damage, crews cannot collect such piles and property owners will be responsible for their disposal.
- Burning leaves is a violation of City ordinance.

The City also reminds residents that plastic bags for yard waste will not be collected. A City ordinance prohibiting the use of plastic bags for yard waste went into effect on January 1, 2014.



According to the ordinance, yard waste for pickup must be placed in a biodegradable paper bag or other container approved by the City, and separated from other garbage. Individual bags or containers may weigh no more than 35 pounds.

Residents also can sign up to receive a 96-gallon container labeled “Yard Waste Only.” The City-provided container will not be subject to the 35-pound weight limit. To sign up for a yard waste container, please call the City’s customer-service line, 311, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:30 pm.

A ReLeaf schedule and map can be found at southbendin.gov/government/service/releaf-leaf-pickup.

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