

# City of Berkeley

## LEAF COLLECTION GUIDELINES

**(NO LIMBS, BRANCHES, STUMPS)**

Leaf collection dates:

November 1, 2021 – January 7, 2022

### \*\*\*\*\*GUIDELINES\*\*\*\*\*

*(Please adhere to the following as they have been implemented in order to make Leaf Pickup more productive, less damaging to the equipment, and safer)*

The main objective of the program is to increase the level of service to City of Berkeley residents and to have a weekly scheduled leaf pick-up.

Although curbside leaf collection provides convenience, there is no perfect method.

Some challenges are parked cars, loose piles of leaves scattered by wind, and increased sewer blockages.

In addition, there are areas of the City that require unique collection procedures due to narrow streets.

The most important aspect of helping this program continue to work is to only rake leaves and set at the curb between the sidewalk and the street curbing (not in the street). If no such curb line exists, the leaves shall be placed on the front property line (not in the street).

*Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and will help us to serve you better!!!*

### \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS\*\*\*\*\*

The following requirements are necessary for this program to be a success:

- ☛ The leaf collection period will run from November 1, 2021 through January 7, 2022 (exact dates are dictated by weather conditions).
- ☛ Any leaves remaining after the last pickup must be bagged and put out when the yard waste is collected by Republic Service/Allied Waste. **Failure to do so may result in an ordinance enforcement action.**
- ☛ Avoid piling leaves over storm drains. This will reduce the potential for storm drains becoming clogged and reduce the instances of temporary street flooding during heavy rain.
- ☛ We **cannot** pick up any leaves with trash, limbs, rocks, glass, or building materials mixed in with them. These items can damage the leaf vacuum or cause injury to the employees operating the machine. We will not be able to pick up leaves and/or grass clippings that have been mulched up and/or placed in plastic bags. The mulching process of most lawn mowers causes small rock and debris to be picked up. This debris causes damage to the leaf vacuum.
- ☛ If you bag your leaves, they will be left for pickup by the weekly garbage service (Republic Services/Allied Waste). Bagged leaves are collected throughout the year by the weekly garbage service. If your leaves are bagged, please place the bags with your rollout garbage container at the curb line on your regular pickup day.

- If your Ward is not completely picked up on its scheduled day, then pickup will continue the following week. Your leaves must be at the curb or gutter line when our crew arrives; this means we cannot pick up your leaves while you are still raking. Unless there is a problem (as mentioned above), we will pick up all leaves that are out when we come by.

**LEAF PICK UP CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE:** *(with the exception of holiday weeks)*

Your Ward is identified with the representing Councilperson.

WARD #1	NOV. 1-5	DEC. 6-10	Councilwoman Emmalene Mitchell
WARD #2	NOV. 8-12	DEC. 13-17	Councilwoman Brenda Williams
WARD #3	NOV. 15-19	DEC. 20-24	Councilwoman Lee Etta Hoskins
WARD #4	NOV. 22, 23, 24	DEC. 27-31	Councilwoman Willie Mae Anthony
WARD #5	NOV. 29-DEC. 3	JAN. 3-7	Councilman Elias Hindeleh

*(Schedules are subject to change due to high volumes of leaves, equipment problems & weather conditions)*

- In order to continue this service to our residents, **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE CITY OF BERKELEY OFFICE AND REQUEST SPECIAL PICKUPS DURING THIS TIME.** If we miss collection for your area, your leaves should be left along the roadside as described and the work crew will make the collection the following week on the designated day.
- PARKED CARS CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR LEAF PICKUP.** Leaves not accessible to the broom equipment will be collected the following week. Due to the size of the crew and the amount of equipment used, it will not be possible to go back to pick up leaves between regularly scheduled times. Please be considerate when parking on the street and avoid parking near leaf piles on scheduled pickup days.
- In spite of all advanced preparation, staying on schedule depends on weather conditions and the equipment functioning properly. Equipment breakdowns and heavy rains can slow progress, and snowstorms late in the cycle can curtail pickups. We advise residents to not delay in leaf raking as an early winter would mean the equipment and crews must be allocated to snow removal.
- REMEMBER: LEAF BURNING AND ALL OPEN BURNING IS BANNED BY CITY ORDINANCE.**

*We want to provide a quality service for all the residents in Berkeley.  
Please follow these guidelines so that we can pickup everyone's leaves in a timely manner.*

**For questions, contact PUBLIC WORKS at (314) 524-3313**

**DOs & DON'Ts**

**Believe it or not, there is a right way and a wrong way to set out your leaves for pick up.**

**NO LEAF PILES ON STREET!**



**RIGHT WAY**

