

A Green Alternative: Leave 'em Lay!

As an alternative to raking leaves to the curb, residents are encouraged to try chopping up moderate amounts of leaves with a lawnmower. This can be done during normal lawn mowing. Just don't allow the



leaves to mat and make sure that ample grass shows through them. This will save you work and time, add nutrients to your lawn, reduce windblown leaves in your neighborhood, and reduce the amount of labor and fuel the Village needs to use for



leaf collection. If you really like to rake, composting your leaves in a backyard garden is another alternative that will provide you useful organic material next



From falling leaves to drifting snow...

Your hardworking Ashwaubenon leaf-collecting equipment also clears the roads all winter long, keeping neighborhoods tidy and safe during two seasons



800+

number of miles traveled to collect leaves from Ashwaubenon neighborhoods in 2021



7 weeks before Thanksgiving

when the Village's annual bulk leaf collection begins. This allows enough time for equipment to be converted for salting & plowing snow after the program ends.



20,000+

cubic yards of leaves collected during seven-week bulk leaf collection



3 days Per Truck

amount of time it takes to convert equipment for salting & plowing snow



5

number of trucks that must be converted



6 of last 10 years

number of times Ashwaubenon had a significant snowfall requiring the use of snowplows by early December



When preparing your leaves for collection, do not place the leaves in the street. The storm sewer system plays a vital role in protecting our properties and streets from flooding during a rain event. Clogged storm inlets can lead to numerous problems. Leaves can block proper water flow into storm inlets resulting in drainage problems & flooded streets.

LEAVES AND STORM INLETS DON'T MIX

Help protect your property and street from flooding by keeping the leaves off the street. This will also help keep the outfalls that drain to our waterways free of pollutants.



Doing your part for the environment is incredibly important, for the present and the future.

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Help keep our community clean and green.

Where should I put all
of these leaves?



Pile loose leaves in an open area
of terrace away from trees, posts
and mailboxes if possible.

Please do not rake your leaves into the street

Raking leaves into the street can cause the following:

- *Increases pollution of storm water that drains to our waterways*
- *May cause street flooding by blocking drainage structures*
- *Piles of leaves in the street are a dangerous attraction to young children*
- *Causes a problem with parking in the street when the leaves are raked into the parking lane*

