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**Leaf Pick Up Begins in City of Kankakee**

**Kankakee, IL** – Leaf pick up is now underway in the City of Kankakee and will run through Friday, December 4, 2020. Leaf crews will be in your area on your regular garbage day. The schedule is available here: <https://citykankakee-il.gov/perch/resources/leaf.pdf>.

Please note that leaves must be out **before the crews arrive** as they cannot wait or come back once they have passed. It is best to have leaves raked the day before your pick up. Crews will remove leaves left in rows along the back of the curb in front of the residence. They will not vacuum leaves from the alleys.

As volume increases, they may not get to each resident, but will address those piles the following week. Republic Services will continue to pick up the biodegradable paper bags and dump yard waste cans with leaves and yard waste through November 30, 2020.

Please note:

1. Leaves will **not** be vacuumed or picked up if they are contaminated with litter or other foreign material according to state law.
2. Branches should **not** be mixed with leaves.
3. Leaves in plastic bags will **not** be picked up.
4. Regular garbage pickup days can be found at <https://citykankakee-il.gov/perch/resources/garbage.pdf>.
5. The only way to assure weekly pick up is to use biodegradable paper bags or yard waste cans.

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