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## For Immediate Release

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## 2019 LEAF PICKUP

City of Manitowoc 2019 leaf pickup Parking Ban is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2019. Leaves are scheduled to be picked up once a week on your street sweeping day. The bulk of leaf pickup is expected to be October 7<sup>th</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup> weather permitting. The goal is to complete pickup in each section each week. Depending on weather, volume of leaves and equipment, there may be times a section is not completed. Please be patient, leaves will be picked up the following week.

Safety for residents and crews is important. Never park your vehicle over a leaf pile. If you see crews picking up leaves, please give them room. Large equipment backs up frequently, and we want everyone to be safe.

**RESIDENTIAL PARKING BAN** - The residential PARKING BAN will be from **6 AM to 3 PM** on the day of your pickup, which is the same day as your Street Sweeping Parking Ban. Vehicles parked on the street between 6 AM and 3 PM will be ticketed. This will facilitate picking up the leaves much faster. Informational flyers will be placed on vehicles September 23 – October 4, 2019.

**NO BRUSH OR GARDEN WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP.** Residents may take brush and garden waste to the Manitowoc County compost sites or contact a private hauler. For information about the compost sites call 683-4333.

### **STREETS WITH A PARKING LANE**

If your street has a parking lane, leaves should be placed in the parking lane of the street in front of your residence **the evening before your street sweeping day**. No leaves will be removed from the terrace (grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb). Leaves will be picked up on your street sweeping day from the parking lane only. This is being done to pick up the leaves faster, and in an effort to leave the terrace looking better after pick up. Please make sure that you do not place leaf piles near or over catch basins.

### **STREETS WITHOUT A PARKING LANE**

If there is no parking lane on your street, there is no change, and leaves should continue to be placed on the terrace. Please place loose leaves in an open area of the terrace away from trees, light poles, mailboxes or any other obstacles to assist in speedy collection and to minimize damage to equipment.

### **NEWS FLASH AND EMERGENCY ALERT TEXTS OR E-MAILS**

Sign up for News Flash and/or Emergency Alert texts or e-mails about activities in the City by going to [www.manitowoc.org](http://www.manitowoc.org). Click on the Notify Me button and follow the instructions.

For additional information, contact the Department of Infrastructure – Streets and Sanitation Division between the hours of 7 am and 4 pm, Monday – Friday at 686-6550 or visit our website at [www.manitowoc.org](http://www.manitowoc.org). After hours call the Department of Public Infrastructure – Streets and Sanitation Division information line at 686-6555.

## 2019 LEAF PICKUP FAQ'S

### When is my leaf pickup?

Leaves will be picked up on your street sweeping day beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We expect the bulk of leaf pickup to be October 7<sup>th</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Can I place my leaves in the street?

If you have a parking lane in front of your residence, you may place your leaves in the parking lane the evening before your street sweeping day. Please make sure you do not place leaves near or over catch basins. If you do not have a parking lane, then you must continue to place your leaves on the terrace.

### I can't put grass in the street, why can I put my leaves in the street?

Grass can be cleaned up when cutting and more easily kept out of the street. Leaves fall fast over a short period of time and many naturally fall into the street, all of which need to be picked up. When your leaves are placed in the street they will be picked up faster reducing the amount that would make it into the storm sewer and ultimately the lake and river.

### How do I know if I have a parking lane?

If parking is allowed in front of your residence, there is a parking lane.

### My street does not have a parking lane. Where do I put my leaves?

If your street does NOT have a parking lane, leaves should continue to be placed on the terrace. Please place leaves in an open area of the terrace away from trees, light poles, mailboxes or any other obstacles.

### May I park my vehicle over a leaf pile?

No. Parking over a leaf pile may cause leaves to start on fire and cause damage to your vehicle.

### Does the parking ban apply to businesses and schools?

The parking ban does not apply to businesses and schools.

### If my leaves are on the terrace, will they be picked up?

Leaves **WILL NOT** be picked up off the terrace if there is a parking lane on your street. You will receive a door hanger requesting that leaves be moved to the parking lane. Leaves should be moved the evening before your next scheduled pickup.

### I had my leaves out as directed and they were not picked up this week.

Our goal is to complete pickup in each section each week. Depending on weather, volume of leaves and equipment, there may be times a section is not completed. Please be patient, they will be picked up the following week.

### Will you pick up brush and garden waste?

Brush and garden waste **WILL NOT** be picked up. Residents may take brush and garden waste to the Manitowoc County compost sites or contact a private hauler.

### The Street Sweeping Parking Ban ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Can I park my car on the street the day my leaves are being picked up?

No. There is a residential parking ban from October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the normal day of your street sweeping leaves will be picked up from the parking lane of your street. There will be no parking on your street sweeping day from 6 AM to 3 PM.