



## OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### SPRING LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM BEGINS APRIL 18

**Springfield, Illinois** - The City of Springfield's Spring Leaf Pickup will begin Monday, April 18 and continue through the last two weeks of April. **Leaves should be placed curbside or at the end of resident driveways by 7:00a.m. on Monday, April 18.** Residents are asked to place their leaves in brown paper leaf bags or plastic containers that do not exceed 30 gallons and weigh no more than 50 lbs. **All leaves placed properly by the April 18 date will be picked up.**

The Office of Public Works will be conducting the leaf bag collection for the city. Guidelines were modified restricting the use of metal cans in order to reduce injury. Metal cans and overweight containers or bags will not be picked up. Crews will place a sticker on any bag or container that does not meet the criteria and residents will be asked to re-bag their leaves.

Other details about the program:

- All bags will be picked up and there is no need to call to schedule the service.
- Do not remove the leaves from the curb once you place them there.
- Bags should be placed at the end of driveways or on parkways between the sidewalk and street.
- Leaves should be placed in paper yard waste bags—not grocery sacks or boxes.
- Do not use any type of tape on the bag to seal it shut as the tape is not recyclable.
- Plastic bags are not accepted.

Residents may also bring their yard waste to Evans Recycling located at 2100 J. David Jones Parkway, Monday through Friday 7:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. and Saturdays 7:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. **Drop off is free during the month of April.**

Residents should be advised that sweeping leaves into the street is a city violation and doing so could result in a fine.

Residents who have questions regarding the program may contact the Office of Public Works at 217.789.2255 or e-mail [public.works@springfield.il.us](mailto:public.works@springfield.il.us).