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**SPRINGFIELD'S YARD WASTE/LEAF PICKUP
BEGINS APRIL 9**

Springfield, Illinois - The City of Springfield's residential spring yard waste/leaf pickup will begin **Monday, April 9**. The city will collect yard waste/leaves in each area, one time in April and one time in May. Stickers are **NOT** required during this pickup. Branch pickup will be announced at a later date.

The City will be divided into four (4) directional quadrants that the collection schedule will follow and these areas are listed below:

- **Southwest Quadrant** – area south of South Grand Avenue and Old Jacksonville Road. West of Walnut Street
- **Southeast Quadrant** – area south of South Grand Avenue and east of Walnut Street including the lake area
- **Northwest Quadrant** – area north of South Grand Avenue and Old Jacksonville Road. West of Walnut St./J. David Jones
- **Northeast Quadrant** – area north of South Grand Avenue and east of Walnut St./J. David Jones

Following is the Yard Waste/Leaf Pickup schedule:

First Pickup

- Southwest – Week of April 9th
- Southeast - Week of April 16th
- Northwest - Week of April 23rd
- Northeast - Week of April 30th

Second Pickup

- Southwest – Week of May 7th
- Southeast - Week of May 14th
- Northwest - Week of May 21st
- Northeast - Week of May 29th (beginning Tuesday due to the holiday)

Residents must place their leaves in brown paper leaf bags or plastic containers that are **no more than 30 gallons and weigh no more than 50 lbs.** Leaves should be placed curbside **by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday morning during their areas yard waste collection period.** All leaves placed properly by 7:00 a.m. each Monday during the designated time frame will be picked up.

Guidelines have been 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.

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Other details about the program:

- All bags in compliance will be picked up and there is no need to call to schedule the service.
- Do not remove the bagged 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.
- Yard waste stickers do not need to be placed on the bags during this collection period.
- Residents should be advised that sweeping leaves into the street is a city violation and doing so could result in a fine.

Residents may also take their yard waste/leaves to Evans Recycling located at 2100 J. David Jones Parkway, Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Drop off is free during the collection time period.**

For questions about the City of Springfield yard waste/leaf pickup, please call the Office of Public Works at 217.789.2255 or email public.works@springfield.il.us.

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