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2010 CITY LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM BEGINS

The Street Maintenance Division will begin collecting leaves Monday, Oct. 25. Leaf pickup will start in Area 1 of the city. Area 1 is the portion of city limits located north of the Clark Fork River, including the Downtown Area, Downtown Special Parking District 1, Northside Neighborhood, and the Grant Creek and Rattlesnake Valleys. For area maps, you can check the following link on the City's website,

<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=772> Missoulian readers found hard copies of the flyer inside the newspaper on Wednesday, Oct. 20. The Street Division uses loaders and dump trucks to pick up piles on both sides of the street following the schedule below. Please try not to park on or around leaf piles.

Area 1: **October 25th – 29th**

Area 3: **November 3rd - 5th, 8th**

Area 2: **November 9th, 10th, 12th, 15th and 17th – 19th**

Area 4: **November 22nd, 24th and 26th**

- Special Parking District 1 will be **November 2nd**. Parking is prohibited on both sides of the street from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Special Parking District 2, will be **November 16th**. Parking is prohibited on both sides of the street from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Special Parking District 3, will be collected **November 23rd**. Parking is prohibited on both sides of the street from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After the piles are picked up, the streets will then be swept using the Parking Schedule below.

Even-numbered Days: Park on the even numbered side of the street from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Odd-Numbered Days: Park on the odd-numbered side of the street from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

To have leaves collected, City residents should rake all yard leaves against the curb line or edge of the road on the asphalt prior to scheduled collection times for each neighborhood. Please make

leaf piles long and skinny so they don't encroach into the bike lanes or driving lanes. Also, please do not park cars on or around the leaf piles. Street Division crews may enter an area prior to collection date if time allows and then will return again on scheduled date.

Just leaves please! Limbs, trash and other yard wastes delay leaf collection efforts. Also, residents do not need to bag leaves. Bagging wastes residents' time and also slows collection efforts.

Trees must be pruned to a minimum of 14 feet over street to the inside edge of the curb line, per City ordinance. If your trees do not meet this requirement, they may be trimmed by City crews to complete the leaf collection program.

The leaf collection program has four main goals: 1) keep city streets clean; 2) help save space at the local landfill; 3) save residents the cost and hassle of bagging leaves; and 4) further Missoula's recycling efforts by helping turn leaves into compost at a local composting operation.

After the annual leaf collection program ends November 26th, the Street Maintenance Division will continue to collect leaves intermittently until the first snow fall. If you miss your neighborhood's scheduled pickup time, please call the Street Maintenance Division at 552-6360 to be placed on a list for another collection time.