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Department of Public Works, Property & Parks
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**CITY OF ERIE
ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION**

ERIE, PA (October 3, 2013) On Sunday, October 13th, the City's annual fall leaf collection begins. Once again this year, residents may continue placing all compostable items (yard, garden and leaf waste) in open hard containers on their regularly scheduled refuse night throughout the fall season. For those with large quantities of leaves, green biodegradable bags may also be used. **Clear bags or any other bags will not be accepted.**

Green biodegradable leaf bags naturally break down into compost, creating a better final product for home and garden use. Biodegradable bags are available for purchase throughout the area at many locations.

Please limit containers and bags to 50lbs in weight so they can be easily lifted and placed into trucks. There is no limit to the number of containers or bags that can be placed curbside. The last collection day will be Thursday, November 28th. **Residents are reminded that sweeping or raking leaves into the street is prohibited.** Doing so can cause drainage problems and also poses a threat to safety and the environment.

Any questions, please call the Bureau of Refuse & Recycling at 870-1450 between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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