



## **Fall Leaf Collection**



The Public Works Department provides annual leaf collection within the urban areas of the Village on streets containing concrete curb and gutter and storm sewer systems. Leaf collection within these urban areas is provided by the Village, not as a service to these urban areas, but as a proactive way to prevent leaves from collecting in and obstructing the storm water drainage systems causing potential flooding within these areas.

The annual leaf pickup program begins in mid October and ends in late November. The leaf pickup program is exclusively for **leaves only** and does not include brush, yard waste or other debris. The Village disposes of the leaves that are collected through a composting process. As part of this process, the leaves break-down and decompose into a rich black material that is mixed with topsoil and used by the Village in lawn restoration work. To speed up the composting process, the Village turns and mixes the leaf piles with mechanical equipment. If brush and debris are mixed in with the leaves during collection, the equipment used to turn the piles for composting tends to repeatedly jamb and plug up. As a result, it's important to keep the leaf piles collected by the Village free of brush and other yard debris.

Village crews will collect the leaves utilizing special leaf vacuum trucks, leaf pushers, front end loaders and dump trucks. Leaf collection by the Village will continue until the majority of the leaves within the streets are removed, or until the first measureable snowfall, whichever comes first.

For reasons stated above, any material, other than leaves, that is placed in or along the street **will not** be picked up by the Village. If leaf piles adjacent to your property are found to contain brush or other yard debris, you will be given a notice and asked to remove the brush and/or yard debris from your leaf piles within a 48 hour period.

Failure to remove brush, yard waste or other debris placed in or along the street is a violation of Village Ordinance 82-66 and may result in the issuance of a municipal citation in the amount of \$109.00. You may contact the Village of Menomonee Falls at (262) 532-4200 for information on obtaining a free Yard Waste Permit that allows Village residents to dispose of brush and/or yard waste material at the Waste Management facility located at W124 N8925 Boundary Road.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Village of Menomonee Falls- Department of Public Works