



City of Yakima

News Release

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City of Yakima Offers Leaf Disposal Option

The City of Yakima offers leaf disposal for residents.

The City of Yakima's Refuse Division offers yard waste collection through November 30th. For \$19.10 per month, the City will provide residents with a 96-gallon cart dedicated for leaves and yard debris. Leaves must be placed loose in the cart and not bagged. The cart is picked up during the regularly scheduled refuse collection time.

Yakima City Code forbids blowing or depositing leaves and yard debris into City streets.

Chapter 6.56.050 requires residents to keep leaves out of the street, alley or public place. Chapter 8.76.025 extends the restriction to public rights-of-way such as sidewalks and gutters.

"The biggest problem is if the leaves are out there and it rains, eventually they'll get into the gutters and plug the storm drains," said Acting Street Maintenance Supervisor Jay Kendall. "That means when we do get a snowmelt or heavy rain then we'll have flooding in the streets. It can lead to a pretty big mess."

Another option is mulching leaves with a lawnmower and placing them in a garden bed or compost pile to protect plants over the winter and enhance the soil for gardens next spring.

Call 509-575-6005 or visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/refuse> for information about leaf removal services in the City of Yakima.