



City of Yakima

Refuse Division Fall Leaf Pickup Schedule

Pickup starts October 22, 2012 and continues thru December 28, 2012

For the fifth year, the Refuse Division will offer BioBag brand biodegradable bags for City of Yakima residents to use for the Fall Leaf Program, allowing the collected leaves to be recycled. Prior to using Bio-Bag, the leaves were collected in traditional plastic bags and were buried in the landfill, since polyethylene-based plastic bags do not break down and can cause contamination to compost. BioBag leaf bags provide an environmentally sound alternative to plastic bags. BioBags are made of renewable raw materials of agricultural origin and from non-genetically modified starch, primarily cornstarch. These bags decompose progressively and disappear completely when composted. They are 100 percent biodegradable! Bagging leaves in BioBags allows this priceless organic material to be recycled, which saves valuable landfill space and helps our environment.

The BioBag leaf bags are a full 39-gallon capacity. They are 1.2 mil rate and should be sturdy enough to handle the leaves. Once exposed to the elements, the bags will begin to decompose in about 12 days. If the bags sit out for over two weeks, they may start to decompose and the crews may have a difficult time collecting them.

Place your filled BioBags at the curb line or edge of the street no sooner than the weekend before the crews will be in your area. If space permits, please do not stack the bags. This will keep the bags from heating up and decomposing prior to collection. There will be no alley pick up for the leaf bags.

BioBags are for leaves only. Bags containing any debris such as garden material, branches, grass clippings, cans, paper, bottles, garbage, rocks, etc. will not be collected.

If you currently subscribe to yard waste collection with the City of Yakima, we encourage you to also use your yard waste cart for your leaves through November 30th. Place your yard waste cart at its normal collection spot on the regular collection day.

Only leaves in BioBags provided by the City will be collected through this program. Yakima County Solid Waste has approved only this bag for their composting operation.



Through this program, leaves in plastic bags or piles of loose leaves will not be picked up until completion of this program. At that time, upon your request, we will provide a special collection of plastic bags or piles of leaves for a fee.

BioBags will be available for pick up free of charge, at the Public Works Complex, 2301 Fruitvale Blvd., Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., beginning October 15th. To assist in determining the areas the bags are being used, the Refuse Division asks that citizens fill out the coupon below with your name, property address and the number of bags you think you will need. Please bring coupon when you come to pick up your bags. This will assist the Refuse Division in determining the location bags are being used and need to be

picked up. We will try to fill your request, but do reserve the right to limit the number of bags that are given out per household.

The crews work a weekly rotating schedule in two different areas of the city. The schedule is shown on the map located on the back of this newsletter.

Example: If you live in AREA 1, the crews will be in your neighborhood throughout the week of October 22nd. They will pick up all the BioBags of leaves located on the curb line. The crews will return to your area and pick up any additional BioBags of leaves the weeks of November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd and December 17th.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please call the City of Yakima Refuse Division @ 509-575-6005 or website: www.yakimawa.gov

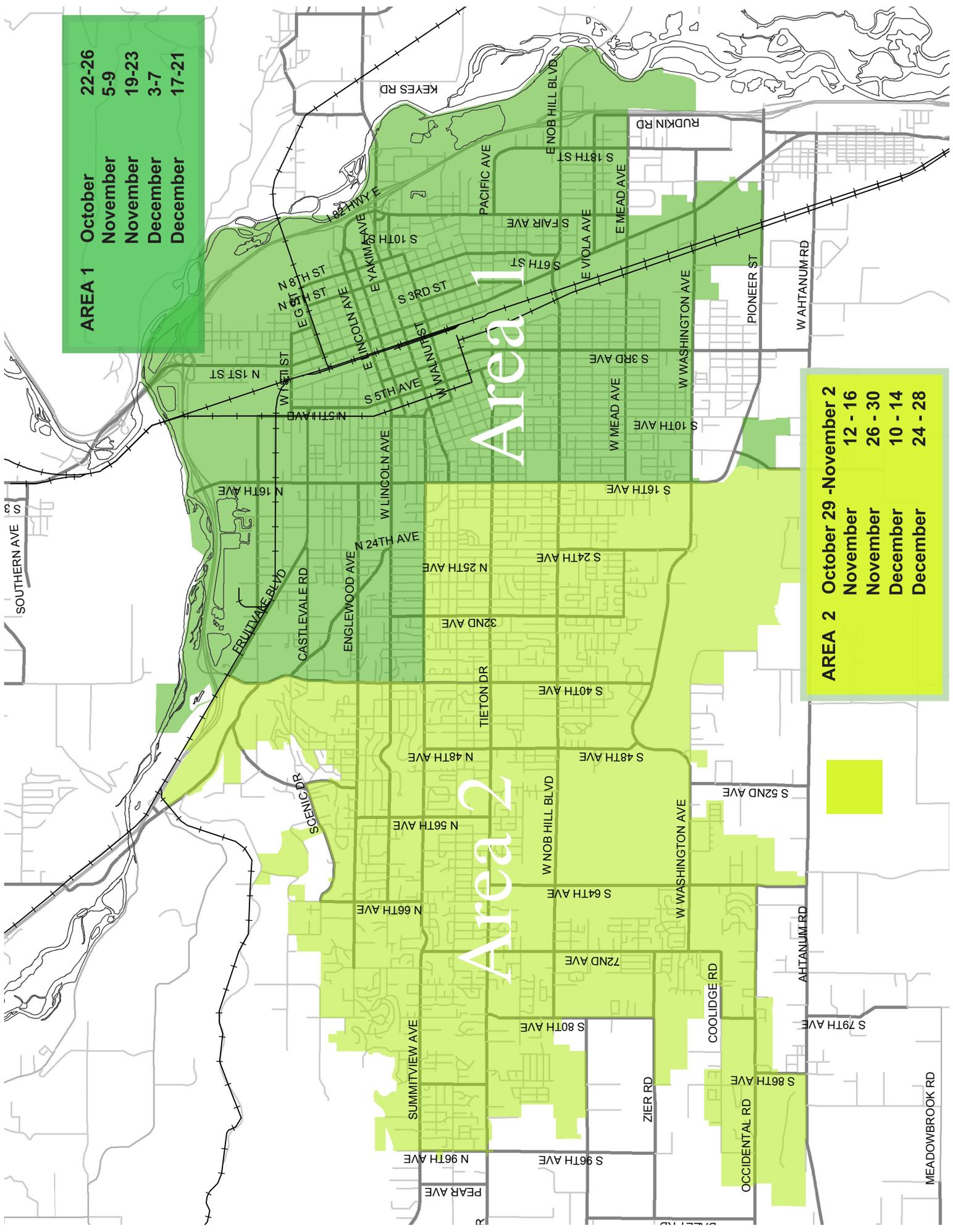
Si usted necesita informacion en espanol por favor llame a la Ciudad de Yakima, Division de Basura al numero 509-575-6005.

FALL LEAF BAG REQUEST

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Bags : _____



AREA 1

22-26	October
5-9	November
19-23	November
3-7	December
17-21	December

Area 1

AREA 2

October 29 - November 2	November 12 - 16
November 26 - 30	November 10 - 14
December 24 - 28	December 24 - 28

Area 2