

Fall is here – be prepared with the town’s leaf collection app

We have been fortunate to experience a beautiful fall season this year with plenty of sunshine and mild weather. But as the temperatures drop, so do the leaves – making this a busy and somewhat unpredictable time for the Town of Pittsford’s Highway Department.

Town crews are committed to managing leaf piles as quickly and effectively as possible. When leaves fall gradually, the process is more predictable – normally a full cycle of collection can be completed within a two week period. When leaves “hang on” and fall in larger amounts during a short time frame, this can throw off the collection schedule somewhat since it takes longer to clean up larger leaf piles in each neighborhood.

We know timely leaf collection is very important to our residents. To assist you in planning when to have your leaves ready for pick up, the Town of Pittsford developed a Yard Debris and Leaf Collection application that charts the current location of our collection crews. It’s an easy way to see when we’ll be in your neighborhood. You can find the application on the Town’s website under our Yard and Leaf Debris Information page.

During the height of leaf season, as many as 32 crew members work nine-hour days, six days a week to ensure we keep our neighborhoods clean. By the end of leaf season in early December, crews will have picked up from our residents 2,400 truckloads of leaves – totaling 5,800 tons. That’s 31,000 cubic yards of leaves – enough to fill a football field 17 feet deep!

Through the Town’s Yard Debris Recycling program, all leaves are ground to a fine mulch in our tub grinder. This mulch is available free of charge to residents – just stop by the bins at our East Street storage site, which is adjacent to the Little League fields. Wood mulch is also available.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our leaf collection crews for their flexibility and dedication to providing the best customer service possible to our residents. Should you have any comments on our leaf collection or other services, please feel free to reach me at bcarpenter@townofpittsford.org or stop by and see me at Town Hall. For more details on our yard debris and leaf collection program visit the “Quick Links” section of our website at www.townofpittsford.org.