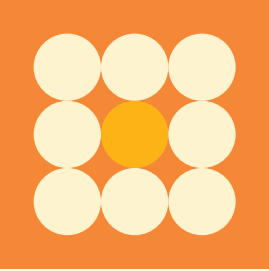


2024 Leaf Collection Guide

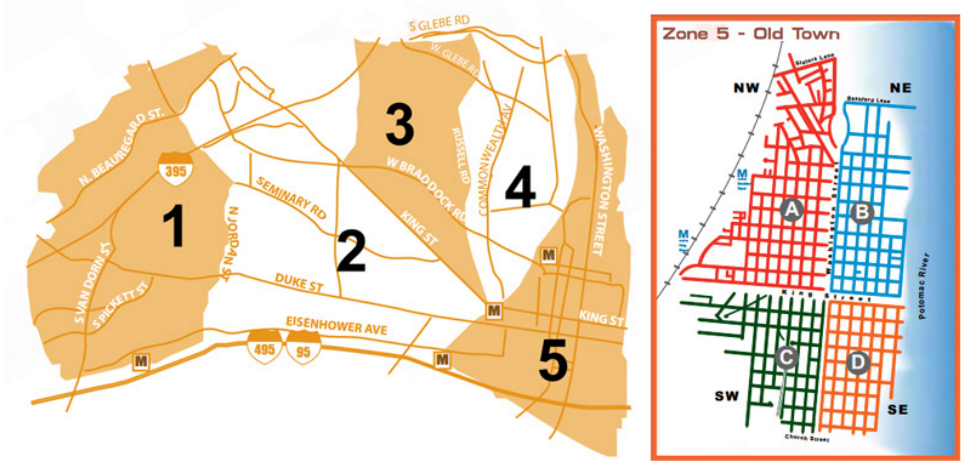


From the end of October through January, City crews operate leaf vacuum trucks and collect paper leaf bags. Alexandria is sectioned into five collection zones, each with a specific start date. Residents who receive City trash collection will receive **three passes** during leaf season.

Crews will **post signs listing the earliest dates of the second and third passes** in your zone, but inclement weather may cause schedule delays. It will take crews several days to complete vacuuming in each zone, so **do not be concerned** if you do not see a truck on your street on the first date of collection.

Visit alexandriava.gov/LeafCollection or call **703.746.HELP** for the most up-to-date information.

Collection Map



First Pass Dates

Zone 1	November 14	Zone 5A	October 28
Zone 2	October 28	Zone 5B	November 4
Zone 3	November 2	Zone 5C	November 12
Zone 4	November 8	Zone 5D	November 18

How to Prepare

- Rake leaves out the day before your collection date.
- Rake leaves into piles at the street curb. This enables crews to move quickly and efficiently.
- Remove stones, litter, branches, and other debris. These items can damage equipment and injure City workers.
- Avoid placing leaves in front of storm drains and water meter covers.
- Move parked cars from atop leaf piles.
- Do not rake leaves into alleys or service roads. Loose and bagged leaves are not collected from these locations.

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Explore Composting in Alexandria!

Take advantage of the City's composting programs this fall. Whether it's curbside collection or drop-off at your local farmers' market, there are plenty of free options available to you!

Sign up for the Curbside Composting Pilot Program

Curbside compost collection remains **FREE** for residents receiving City trash and recycling services during the second year of the pilot program. Residents approved for the pilot can place items such as **fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, and bones** in a dedicated bin for food waste collection instead of in the trash to divert waste from landfills.

Space in the pilot program is limited. To register, visit alexandriava.gov/FoodWaste.



2024 Pumpkin Rescue

Your Halloween jack-o-lanterns and other pumpkins can be repurposed!

- Uncut, unpainted pumpkins and gourds can be brought **intact** to drop-off stations at several farmers' markets in the City for donation to nonprofit partners feeding families in the DMV.
- Jack-o-lanterns with the **candle removed** that **haven't** been painted or coated can be brought to one of the City's farmers' market Food Waste Drop-Off Stations, the first step in transforming your decoration into nutrient-rich compost!
- Repurpose your pumpkins at home through curbside composting, or by using unpainted and unvarnished pumpkins as a snack for local wildlife!

Visit alexandriava.gov/go/4299 for locations, hours, and more information.



Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Program Opens December 1

Incorporating stormwater management practices into your home not only protects your property against flooding — it protects streams and rivers from runoff and pollution.

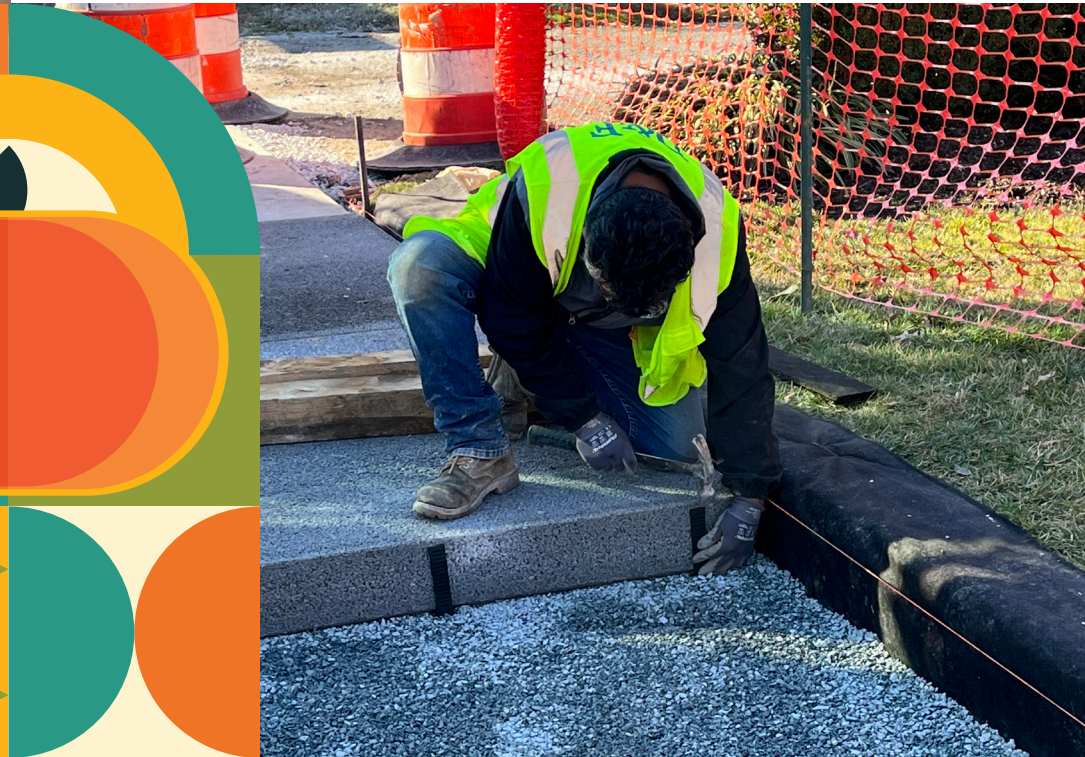
Apply for a credit towards your 2025-2026 Stormwater Utility (SWU) Fee beginning December 1 by **installing and maintaining eligible stormwater management practices** on your property.

The SWU fee is paid by all property owners as a separate line item on real estate tax bills and is based on the amount of impervious area, or hard surfaces, on a property. The fee provides a dedicated funding source for the City's stormwater management programs.

Property owners can apply for reduction, or 'credit,' to their fee of **up to 50 percent** by implementing practices that help reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and mitigate flooding.

More information about eligible practices can be found on the SWU credit manual located on the City's stormwater management website: alexandriava.gov/stormwater

The application window will be open from December 1, 2024 through February 15, 2025.



Leaf Bag Collection

Leaf bags are collected curbside on your regular trash collection day. Leaf bag collection is scheduled to run from October 28, 2024 through early January 2025.

Using biodegradable paper bags allows the City to recycle leaves into mulch. Leaves in plastic bags, including biodegradable plastic bags, will be sent as trash to the Covanta Energy-from-Waste plant.

Mulch made from collected leaves will be available to residents for pick-up or delivery in the spring.

Free Paper Leaf Bags starting October 15

Free City leaf bags are available on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last.

Limit 15 bags per residential household, per visit. Not available for commercial use.



Locations

City Hall
301 King Street (Main Lobby)
Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

City of Alexandria Self-Serve Shed
Corner of Roth Street and Business Center Drive
Available 24/7

Charles Houston Recreation Center
901 Wythe Street
Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Patrick Henry Recreation Center
4653 Taney Avenue
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.