

What You Need to Know

City crews operate leaf vacuum trucks and collect paper leaf bags through the fall season. Alexandria is divided into five collection zones, each with a specific start date. Residents who receive City trash collection will receive **three passes** for leaf pickup during this period.

Signage
City Crews post signs in each zone with the earliest expected start date. Signs are updated at least 3 days in advance to give you time to place leaves out.

Timing
Each pass may take several days. Don't worry if you don't see a truck on the first day of a pass —crews are working through the zone. Progress and delays will be shared on the City website and social media.

311 Requests
Only contact Alex311 if your leaves aren't collected after a pass is marked complete. Missed streets confirmed via GPS are prioritized as a missed collection. Leaves placed out late may need to wait for the next pass.

Resident Reminders

- Place leaves out before your zone's scheduled pass begins
- Do not place leaves out after your pass is completed or before the next scheduled pass date is shared.
- Do not park vehicles in front of leaf piles to allow for safe and efficient collection.



Bagged Leaf Collection

Curbside leaf bag collection takes place on your regular yard waste day from October through early January 2026.

To help the City recycle leaves into mulch, please use biodegradable paper bags only. Mulch made from collected leaves will be available for pick-up or delivery in the spring. Plastic bags, including biodegradable plastic, are considered trash and will not be collected as yard waste.

Free paper leaf bags available starting October 20
Free paper leaf bags are available to City residents on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. Limit 15 bags per residential household, per visit. Not available for commercial use.



Leaf Bag Pick-up Locations

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| Charles Barrett Rec Center
901 Wythe Street
Daily, 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. | William Ramsey Rec Center
5650 Sanger Avenue
Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. | City Hall
301 King Street (Main Lobby)
Mon – Fri, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. |
| Chinquapin Rec Center
3210 King Street
Mon – Thu, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat-Sun, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Mount Vernon Rec Center
2701 Commonwealth Avenue
Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sat, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Solid Waste - Leaf Bag Shed
2900B Business Center Drive
Mon– Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |

Looking Ahead to Winter Weather

Winter Weather Emergency Classifications

- These classifications are based on the type and amount of precipitation:
- **Level 1** - up to 8 inches of snow or other winter weather conditions.
 - **Level 2** - more than 8 inches of snow, freezing rain, or a combination of snow and ice.
 - **Level 3** - Significant snow accumulation, ice, or blizzard conditions.

Your Responsibilities

City Code Section 5-2-21 states that sidewalks, driveways, and entrances are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner, occupant, community association, or business for snow removal.

Owners and tenants unavailable or unable to clear sidewalks themselves are responsible for making arrangements to have the work done in the event of a storm.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Sidewalks cleared within 24 hours	Sidewalks cleared within 48 hours	Sidewalks cleared within 72 hours

How to Prepare

- Maintain an adequate supply of shovels, salt, or sand for your sidewalks and driveways.
- If you leave the City during the winter, have a plan to ensure your sidewalks will be cleared in the appropriate amount of time.
- Sign up for eNews updates to receive the latest winter weather event information at alexandriava.gov/eNews.

Snow Buddies

Low-income, elderly, and disabled residents can apply for the Snow Buddies program for assistance. This program matches Alexandria residents in need with volunteers to help with snow removal.

To apply for Snow Buddies assistance, or to sign up as a volunteer, visit volunteeralexandria.org.



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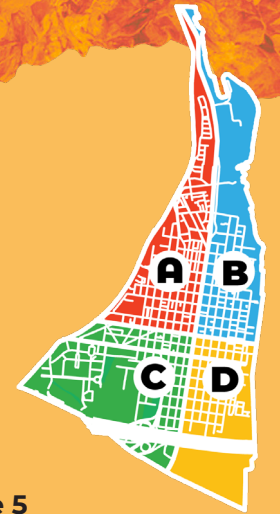
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Fall into **Leaf Collection**



Find your start date:

Zone 1
November 24

Zone 2
November 3

Zone 3
November 10

Zone 4
November 17

Zone 5

5A
November 3

5B
November 10

5C
November 17

5D
November 24

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During winter weather events, City of Alexandria staff work around the clock to clear snow from 561 lane miles of roadways, 20 miles of publicly owned sidewalks and paths, and 44 acres of municipal parking lots and publicly-owned squares.

Clearing the Roads

City streets are treated and plowed in a specific order that prioritizes public safety, traffic, and access to key services:

- **Primary Routes** - major streets and snow emergency routes, including roads near schools and hospitals.
- **Secondary Routes** - local and neighborhood streets, along with most WMATA and DASH bus routes.
- **Intermediate Routes** - roads that require special attention (such as steep hills) and smaller, commercial streets.
- **Residential Routes** - streets in lower-density neighborhoods and subdivisions.



More seasonal info inside