Fall Leaf Collection & Compost Preparation Reminders

As we approach the winter season, the Refuse Department would like to remind residents of the remaining compost collection services for 2026.

Fall Leaf Collection

The Street Department has begun its annual leaf collection throughout the City. For questions regarding the fall cleanup schedule, please contact the Street Department at **(219) 873-1500** or visit the City's website, michigancityin.gov

Residents may also have leaves collected on their regularly scheduled compost collection day through **Friday, November 20, 2026**.

Please note: Leaves placed in plastic bags or toters will not be collected.

Compost Collection Guidelines

To ensure efficient and safe service for all residents, the Refuse Department follows specific guidelines for weekly compost collection. These requirements help protect our collection crews, maintain efficient pickup operations, and keep our neighborhoods clean and sanitary.

Before placing compost containers at the curb, please review the following guidelines:

- Each household is limited to four (4) 32-gallon garbage containers.
- Containers must be structurally sound and have working handles.
- Each container must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Containers must not contain sod, dirt, or other non-organic materials.
- All containers must have a lid.
- Compost must be placed at the curb in front of your home and will be collected on the same day as your regularly scheduled garbage pickup.

Important Dates & Holiday Collection Schedule

Thanksgiving Week – Thursday, November 26

Refuse collection will follow the normal schedule during Thanksgiving week, with one exception:

- Thursday's scheduled refuse collection will move to **Friday, November 27**.
- Due to the potential for inclement weather, collection schedules may be affected. Please leave your refuse out, as our crews will make every effort to complete Thursday's collection by Friday.

Final Compost Collection of 2026

The last day of compost collection for the 2026 season will be **Friday, November 20**. After this date, compost collection services will pause until May 2027.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding compost collection, leaf pickup, or the refuse collection schedule, please contact the Refuse Department at **(219) 873-1530**.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our community clean and safe throughout the fall season!