



CITY OF CENTRALIA 2018 FREE LEAF DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Autumn is here and leaves are falling into yards and gutters. This can result in clogged storm drains. Leaf disposal plays an essential part in maintaining Centralia's stormwater system. Picking up leaves keeps catch basin grates from being covered. This helps prevent street flooding, along with preventing major blockages within the storm lines, which can cause even more street flooding and costly repairs.

To help eliminate these situations, the City's Street and Stormwater Departments are offering a City-wide leaf disposal program:

- The City will provide a free yard waste container **for leaves only** at your request, *while supplies last*. The program limits one container per address. **Please call 360-330-7512 to sign up for this program.** Containers will start being delivered Monday, October 8th, with the first pickup on Thursday, October 11th. All you need to do is put your leaves in the container and share the container with your neighbor if possible. The City has arranged with Waste Connections to pick up the leaves from the container on a weekly basis from October 11th until December 6th at no cost to you. **These containers must be out for pickup on Thursdays, where Waste Connections initially dropped the container.** The City will use the leaves as compost.

What can you do to help?

- Do not rake leaves into the street.
- Rake a drain to help prevent flooding. Leaves and debris can clog storm drains. Use a garden rake or shovel to remove debris from the storm drain. Be sure you deposit leaves into the container so they do not wash back into the street during the next storm.

Remember.....keeping drains clear of leaves is a partnership effort and the City needs your help!

If you have questions about this program, please contact the City's Public Works Department at 360-330-7512.