



FREE LEAF DISPOSAL PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Autumn is here and leaves are turning color and 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 lids from being covered. This helps prevent minor 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 two City-wide leaf disposal programs:

- At your request, the City will supply a free yard waste container **for leaves only** while supplies last. Please call 330-7512 to sign up for this program. All you need to do is put your leaves in the container and share the container with your neighbor if possible. The City has made arrangements with Waste Connections to pick up the yard waste from the container on a weekly basis from October 13th until December 15th at no cost to you. **These containers must be out for pickup on Thursdays and in the front of your residence.** The City will use the leaves in a pilot composting project.
- The City has also established a yard debris drop off site at 1223 Woodland Avenue. If you choose to use this site it will be open to City of Centralia residents the 1st and 3rd Saturday only from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until December 17th. **A permit is required to use this site.** The cost of the permit is \$20.00 and is for use by Centralia residents only. You can purchase a permit at 1100 N Tower Avenue.

What can you do to help?

- Do not rake leaves into the street.
- Rake a drain to help prevent flooding. Snow, 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 a yard waste container so they don't 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 these programs, please contact the City's Public Works Department at 330-7512.