

NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA ANNOUNCES FALL LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

(PARMA) – The City of Parma has announced its annual leaf pick-up schedule in specific areas where leaf accumulation is traditionally the heaviest. The dates could fluctuate depending on weather conditions.

"We continue doing our best to provide the city services that residents have come to expect," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "We're hoping to stick closely to our planned pick-up leaf schedule in four specific areas of Parma as long as Mother Nature cooperates."

The anticipated schedule is as follows:

Section 1:

From (East to West) West 54th to West 10th and from (North to South) W. Ridgewood to Brookpark. **Pick-up** - Week of October 30, 2009 through November 6, 2009 and November 27, 2009 through December 4, 2009

Section 2:

From (East to West) Ridge to W. 130th/W. Sprague and from (North to South) W. Ridgewood to Sprague. **Pick-up** - Week of November 9, 2009 and November 13, 2009 and December 7, 2009 through December 11, 2009

Section 3:

From (East to West) Ridge to Broadview and from (North to South) W. Sprague to W. Ridgewood/Marwood. **Pick-up** - Week of November 16, 2009 through November 20, 2009 and December 14, 2009 through December 18, 2009

Section 4:

From (East to West) W. 54th to W. 130th and from (North to South) Huffman/Snow to Brookpark. **Pick-up** - Week of November 23, 2009 through November 27, 2009 and December 21 through December 23, 2009

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"There are a lot of "ifs" when it comes to nailing-down dates for outdoor service programs like this," said Parma Service Director Brian Higgins. "Like the mayor said, we have to deal with weather conditions to stay on schedule, plus manpower issues and the potential of equipment break-downs. Regardless, we'll do the best possible job we can."

Service workers remind residents to rake leaves to the edge of the curb. Residents should be careful not to mix in grass, sticks, branches or other debris that may cause damage to the equipment or cause injury to the workers. Do not rake leaves into the street or block fire hydrants. Leaves can also be disposed of with your regular trash collection as long as they are bagged and within the weight limit. At least one pass will be made around the City to ensure as many leaves as possible are picked-up. City trucks will be back through neighborhoods until snow is a regular occurrence.

The Parma Service Department also has the following helpful hints:

- Do not block catch basins this may cause sewer backup
- Do not park vehicles on the streets in front of leaf piles, this will cause a hindrance in the collection process
- If during the scheduled time a resident has not put leaves out on the tree lawn, it is the responsibility of the resident to bag their leaves and put them out for regular trash pick up.

Please call the Parma Service Department at (440) 885-8191 or (440) 885-8980 if you have any questions.

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