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The City will continue to collect loose leaves from mid October through December, weather permitting. Leaf piles must also be placed at the curb in front of your home. Do not place organic waste with leaf piles. Our leaf collection machinery is not capable of picking up the large items such as tree trimmings. No materials will be collected in Plastic Bags.

COMPOSTING TIPS

1. Don't throw away your kitchen scraps — add them to the compost pile. Kitchen scraps are typically high in nitrogen, which helps heat up the compost pile and speed up the composting process. Egg shells, coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable peels and scraps are all outstanding materials to add.
2. If you're composting with a compost pile, bigger is often better. Heat builds up with a big pile. You don't want to get much bigger than about 3 feet by 3 feet though.
3. Keep your compost aerated! If you are composting with a tumbling composter, make sure you turn it whenever you add new materials. If you are composting with a pile, or in a static (non-tumbling) compost bin, be sure to mix up the contents so that the pile gets oxygen and can break down effectively. Use a compost aerating tool.
4. Don't let the compost completely dry out. A compost pile needs moisture to keep the composting process active.
5. Don't keep your compost too wet so that it gets soggy and starts to stink. Just as too dry is bad, too wet is also something that you should avoid.
6. Too much of any one material will slow down the composting process. If you have all leaves, all grass clippings or an overload of any other single type of material, it can throw off the balance of the pile. In general, it's good to keep a mix of green and brown material.

LEAF COLLECTION

1. City collects loose leaves (not in containers) in the fall from October 1st through November 30th. Place leaf piles at the curbside during this period. Between December 1st and September 30th place leaves in biodegradable paper leaf bags (available in most stores) or in a reusable container of 30 gallons or less.
2. City crews collect loose leaves with a general schedule. Unfavorable weather conditions or unexpected equipment failures may affect the collection schedule.
3. City crews will only pick up containerized or bagged leaves by appointment. Please call the Department of Public Works at 610-655-6285 to arrange for pick up.

TREE TRIMMINGS

1. The City will pick up tree trimmings at curbside by appointment. The maximum pile for collection is 3' high, 4' wide by . Branches may not exceed a length of 4' or a diameter of 3". Our service is intended to collect material generated from minor tree pruning and maintenance, if you are removing a tree, or performing major re-landscaping, please make arrangements with your contractor to remove the material for you.
2. Holiday trees may be taken to our drop off site in City Park and Schlegel Park between December 24th and February 28th.

COMPOST

Composting is the natural breakdown (decomposition) of organic materials. The composting of organic materials reduces our municipal solid waste volume and disposal costs and yields a dark soil-like material known as compost.

We collect leaves and tree trimmings as needed basis from property owners. To schedule a collection, please call (610-655-6285).

The following organic materials must be placed at the curb directly in front of your home. Leaves will only be collected in special brown biodegradable bags which are available at your local store.

- Residents are required to put their name and address on the bags in case there is a problem with the materials.
- All brush and branches up to 3 inches in diameter must have butt ends placed in the same direction and convenient to the operator.
- Limbs must be no longer than five foot long. Limbs should be separated in piles small enough for an individual to handle. Limbs should not to be tied.

The following organic waste will not be collected:

- Stumps
- Limbs larger than 3" in diameter
- Roots
- Grass
- Shrubs

YARDWASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS

- Brush and/or branches were not properly separated and/or piled with stub (cut) ends facing the road.
- Exceeds volume limit.
- Branches are larger than 3" diameter or exceed a length of 4'.
- Waste was not properly containerized or bagged between December 1st and September 30th. (No plastic bags.)
- Material does not qualify for curbside collection. (No grass clippings, sod, stones, human-made materials, lumber, stumps, or root balls.)
- Yard waste is contaminated with trash, grass clippings, etc.
- Holiday trees must be taken to the designated drop off site.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM,
PLEASE CALL US AT 610-655-6285**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.readingpa.gov or check out our facebook page at reading pa

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HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, NO collection will be for that collection zone. Example: Christmas is on Tuesday, December 25, 2012. Tuesday's zone (Northeast Reading) NO collection will be made for that week.

HOLIDAYS INCLUDE:

- Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 22, 2012
- Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25, 2012
- New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1, 2013
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 27, 2013
- Labor Day: Monday, September 2, 2013
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 28, 2013
- Christmas: Wednesday, December 25, 2013

MONDAY

NORTHEAST READING

Starting at 7th Street & Oley Street (Railroad Tracks). North to Spring Street, east to N. 9th Street, north on 9th Street to Kutztown Road north to City Line. City Line Easterly to City Line at Oak Lane. Oak Lane south to Douglass Street, Douglass Street west to N. 11th Street, south to Oley Street west to Railroad Track at 7th & Oley Streets.

TUESDAY

CENTER CITY | SOUTH OF PENN

North Side of River at Bingaman Street Bridge. South along River to Canal Street at S. 6th Street. North on S. 6th Street to Penn Street, Penn Street east to N. 11th Street, 11th Street north to Walnut Street. Go north on Douglas Street, west to N. 12th Street. Then south on N. 12th Street to Oley Street. West to Railroad Tracks at N. 7th Street. Then follow Railroad Tracks south to Walnut Street. Then west on Walnut Street to River Oak Drive. River Oak Drive south along the river between Robeson Street and the Bingaman Street Bridge.

EAST READING

North side of Schuylkill River at Canal & S. 6th Streets going north on S. 6th Street to Penn Street, Penn Street east to S. 11th Street, north on 11th Street to Walnut Street. East to Glen Road following Glen Road along City Line, east to Glenn Road. North to City Line at Hill Road. Follow City Line north past Spuhler Drive past Angora Road going west to City Line, south to Mineral Spring Road, Mineral Spring Road west to City Line at Heine Street. South on Heine Street to City Line. South Fairview Street, Fairview Street west to S. 13th Street. North on 13th Street to South Street, South Street west to S. 6th Street at Canal Street.

18TH WARD

West of Bingaman Street Bridge (Schuylkill River) to intersection of Lancaster Avenue, Morgantown Road, South on Morgantown Road to City Line. Morgantown Road to Angelica Park, thru Angelica Park to St. Bernadine Street. North to Greenway Terrace. West on Greenway Terrace to Jackson Street (City Line). North following Jackson Street to Upland Avenue, across Upland Following City line north to Lancaster Avenue. West on Lancaster Avenue to Funston Avenue (City Line). North on Funston Avenue to Hancock Boulevard (City Line). North across Hancock Boulevard, pass by Parkside Drive South then go east to the Schuylkill River.

WEDNESDAY

NORTHWEST

Starting at 7th & Walnut (Railroad Track) north, following Railroad Tracks (N. 7th Street) to Green Street. West on Green Street to North 6th Street. North on N. 6th Street to Robeson Street. West on Green Street to North 6th Street, west on Robeson Street to River Road south following River to River Oak Drive, north on River Oak Drive to Schuylkill Avenue, then east to 7th & Walnut Streets.

NORTHMONT | RIVERDALE | GLENSIDE

N. 6th Street at Robeson Street, West on Robeson Street to Schuylkill River. West side of Schuylkill River, Schuylkill Avenue, North of Schuylkill Avenue Bridge to City Line. West on Mercer Street to Schuylkill River, follow river south thru Car-Tech Property west to Schuylkill Avenue. Also Schuylkill Avenue, North Schuylkill Avenue Bridge, West on Blair Avenue to Montgomery Street. North on Montgomery to Mercer Street (City Line). East on Mercer to Schuylkill Avenue, South on Schuylkill Avenue to Schuylkill Avenue Bridge.

THURSDAY/FRIDAY NO COLLECTION

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Questions about your Yard Waste collection day?
Call 610-655-6285