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CITY OF ROCKFORD ISSUES LEAF COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL ADVISORY

ROCKFORD, IL. – The City of Rockford is issuing an advisory to residents regarding leaf collection and disposal. Residents are instructed to avoid prohibited clearance methods such as leaf burning or leaf disposal in streets, detention basins, rivers, creeks, drainage ways, and ditches. These actions are in violation of City codes as well as causes nuisance flooding and downstream pollution.

Property owners are responsible to make sure storm inlets adjacent to their property are free of leaves and other debris that may cause blockages.

Residents can dispose of yard waste on their regular garbage pick-up day through the end of November, provided they are properly contained and placed at the curb. Regulation containers include 30-40 gallon biodegradable 2-ply paper bags as well as standard garbage cans 32 gallons or less marked with a bold "X" on the side of the can set to face the street. There is a 50-pound maximum weight limit for all approved containers. Branches and limbs less than 4 inches in diameter may be bundled with string or twine and placed for pick-up as long as they do not exceed four feet in length, two feet in diameter, and 50 pounds by weight. Yard waste cannot be mixed with regular garbage.

Leaves can also be composted or mulched to provide valuable nutrients for lawns and flower beds. Burning of leaves and other landscaping waste is illegal in the City of Rockford.

In addition, street sweeping will continue throughout the fall leaf season. Every effort will be made to sweep the naturally falling leaves in the street area; however, this operation is not designed to pick up leaves or yard waste swept into the street.

For further questions regarding proper disposal of yard waste, please contact the City of Rockford Community and Economic Development Department at 779-348-7160 or the City of Rockford Public Works Department at 779-348-7175.

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