

# Leaf Collection & Open Burning

## BURLINGTON'S SPRING LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM BEGINS March 26, 2012

The Solid Waste Department will pick up leaves, lawn/garden residue and twigs no larger than 1" in diameter. Material must be in approved paper yardwaste bags, available at grocery and retail stores OR in clean 33-gallon garbage cans with handles. The weight limit per container is 50 pound.

Bags with TAPE or STAPLES will NOT be collected!

*NO garbage or trash may be mixed in with the yardwaste. Violators of this rule may be barred from the yardwaste collection program for the remainder of the season.*

The material that is collected is composted, and the finished compost is available to the public.

**COLLECTION IS WEEKLY, THE DAY AFTER YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION, and CURBSIDE, EVEN IF YOUR TRASH IS COLLECTED FROM THE ALLEY**

Spring 2012 Leaf Collection	
Trash Route	Set out Before 7 a.m. on:
Friday	Mar 26, Apr 2, Apr 9
Monday	Mar 27, Apr 3, Apr 10
Tuesday	Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11
Wednesday	Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12
Thursday	Mar 30, Apr 6, Apr 13

**YARDWASTE MAY BE DISPOSED OF** at Des Moines County Regional Landfill free of charge, year round. Material must be loose or in paper yardwaste bags; plastic bags must be emptied. The drop-off facility is paved and vehicle-friendly. Loads must be secured to avoid a \$10 surcharge – in most cases this will require a tarp.

**LEAF BURNING IS PERMITTED**  
**APRIL 1 - APRIL 21, WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS, 10 A.M.- 5 P.M.**

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN** leaves on public streets, sidewalks or alleyways. *Burning in the boulevard or on private property must comply with rules governing open burning:*

1. A person familiar with open burning regulations shall constantly attend burning material with appropriate fire extinguishing equipment readily available.
  2. No fire may be kindled when wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour.
  3. Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions that could cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Exception: Clearance may be reduced to not less than 25 feet when the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
  4. Discontinuance - The Fire Chief or designee is authorized to require that open fires be immediately discontinued.
- Brush fires** on agricultural land within City limits require at least ¼ mile distance between neighbors and a permit must be obtained from the Fire Department.

Leaves that gather NATURALLY in the street will be swept up by the Public Works Department.

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO RAKE, BLOW OR DEPOSIT LEAVES ON STREETS, SIDEWALKS OR ALLEYWAYS**

**FOR DETAILS CALL THE 24-HR SOLID WASTE INFORMATION LINE AT 753-8114**