



Residential Yard Vegetation Debris and Fall Leaf Collection Policy

This collection service is available to Bemus Point residents, residential properties only, to provide a means to dispose of vegetation waste generated by regular property maintenance.

It is not intended to replace a high-volume pick-up because of a large landscape project or tree removal. The Village DPW will not enter private property to facilitate debris or leaf pick-up.

Debris Collection

- Lawn waste and debris will be collected on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month, beginning May 1, through the end of the leaf season (see below). Dates may vary depending on the weather or access to the dump site.
- Lawn waste and debris are defined as: grass trimmings, tree and shrub trimmings, vegetation, and leaf decay. It does not include dirt, mulch, rotted waste and sludge, tree sections or stumps, or animal/pet waste.
- Tree and shrub trimmings must be no larger than 18" in diameter, 48" in length and must weigh less than 40 pounds.
- Debris MUST be placed in either a garbage barrel (weight not to exceed 40 pounds), in recyclable yard waste collection bags, or tied in a bundle for collection. Barrels shall be loaded or bundles shall be tied in a reasonable fashion to ensure that DPW personnel will be able to easily handle the size and weight.
- Plastic garbage bags of any type or large contractor bags will not be accepted.
- Barrels, bags, or bundles should be placed on the apron of road or edge of lawn. Do not place items on the sidewalks.

Fall Leaf Collection (Cont'd on Reverse Side)

- Leaf collection will begin each season on a date TBD by the Street Superintendent and the Board of Trustees. The date will vary each year according to the weather. The public will be notified of this date on the Village website, the Village bulletin board and on a sign placed at the intersection of Main St and Lakeside Drive.

- Leaf piles must be left on the apron of the road; this is the space between the sidewalk and the roadway. If there is not an apron, please place on edge of lawn. This is to ensure the safety of all pedestrians using the sidewalks and all cars passing on the roadway. This location of the leaves will ensure that the DPW personnel can reach the piles from the street with the leaf hose. Any piles that can not be reached by the hose must be brought closer to the curb by the property owner.
- There may be certain properties in the Village that will have exceptions to the normal leaf placement. This is due to public safety and the safety of DPW personnel and their equipment. If you are one of these exceptions, The Street Superintendent will notify you as such and instruct you where to place your leaves for removal.
- Piles MUST consist of leaves only! Any sticks and brush or stones will potentially damage the Village equipment.
- Leaf piles left after date of last pickup, also TBD by the Street Superintendent and the Board of Trustees, will not be removed and will need to be disposed of by the property owner.
- Any properties that use a commercial landscape service must notify the company to remove any debris/leaves from the property when finished.
- The Streets Superintendent reserves the right to refuse pick-up based on the volume, type of waste, how the waste was left, or the location of the same. A written notice will be given to the property owner if out of compliance. If additional notice is needed, the property owner will also be assessed a fine of \$50.00, due and payable upon receipt.

**If there are any questions, please contact the Village Clerk @ 716-386-4398,
who will have the Streets Superintendent contact you.**