



# 2026

## LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### TACKLING FALLING LEAVES

As the leaves begin to fall, Highland Public Works Director Mark Knesek is asking all residents to be vigilant.

“We do everything we can to keep storm grates clear and leaves out of the storm drains, but we need the help of our residents,” Knesek said. “We are asking everyone to keep leaves in the parkway and **not on the street**. We are also asking residents to sweep leaves and other lawn debris that ends up along the curb and dispose of it in your leaf piles.

“Organic matter, like leaves and grass clippings, does not simply wash away during a rain storm. It hampers the operation of the storm drains.”

This year’s leaf collection begins **October 12** and continues through **December 4**. For more than 30 years, public works has conducted the program, vacuuming up leaves that are raked to the parkway and applying them to land the town owns near Cline at the Little Calumet River.

“We always get questions about what we do with the leaves and why they are not picked up with the weekly trash,” he said. “State law mandates that leaves and branches are not disposed of in landfills. Managing our own leaves has saved a great deal of money on trucking and disposal fees.”

### NO PARKING ZONE

The greatest impediment to leaf collection are parked cars.

Please make sure that all vehicles – yours, your neighbor’s and your guest’s – are not blocking leaf piles.

“Parked cars present a major problem for us when we are trying to maneuver our vehicles around them to do our job,” Knesek said.

### DON'T CUT THOSE BRANCHES

The town asks residents to refrain from branch removal in October and November. During those months, the wood chipping crews are busy removing leaves. The last day for branch pick-up is **October 9**.

### LEAF PARKING ALLOWED

Leaves should be raked into a pile or row in the parkway between the sidewalk and curb as close to the street as possible.

**Keep leaf piles away from mailboxes, street signs, fire hydrants, trees/landscaping objects and vehicles to make it easier for leaf collection equipment to clear objects and safer for the collection crew.**

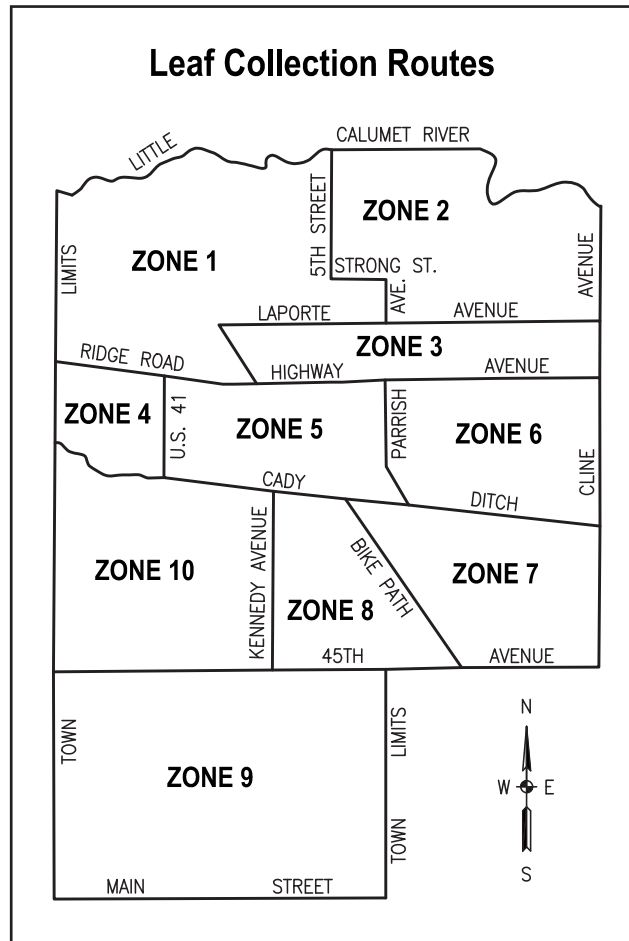
### THE 411 ON LEAF COLLECTION

- 🍁 The town is divided into 10 pick-up zones. Find your zone and pick-up dates on the reverse side.
  - 🍁 Make sure leaves are out the night before your scheduled pick-up. **Do not mix branches with leaves or they will not be collected.** If you have a landscaping service, try to schedule them the day before so your leaves won't be left for the next pick-up. Public Works will not go back to streets already serviced.
  - 🍁 In areas without curbs, leaves should be placed on the grass or parkway at the edge of the street.
  - 🍁 If it snows during leaf collection times, street crews will return when weather permits.
  - 🍁 Keep all parked vehicles off the street on your collection day. **Violators are subject to a \$25 fine.**
  - 🍁 State law prohibits leaf disposal as part of routine garbage collection. Please do not place leaves in with garbage or recycling.
  - 🍁 Questions? Please call (219) 972-5083.
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| DAY  | DATE    | ZONE   |
|------|---------|--------|
| MON  | OCT. 12 | 1      |
| TUES | OCT. 13 | 2      |
| WED  | OCT. 14 | 3      |
| THU  | OCT. 15 | 4      |
| FRI  | OCT. 16 | 5      |
|      |         |        |
| MON  | OCT. 19 | 6      |
| TUES | OCT. 20 | 7      |
| WED  | OCT. 21 | 8      |
| THU  | OCT. 22 | 9      |
| FRI  | OCT. 23 | 10     |
|      |         |        |
| MON  | OCT. 26 | 1      |
| TUES | OCT. 27 | 2      |
| WED  | OCT. 28 | 3      |
| THU  | OCT. 29 | 4      |
| FRI  | OCT. 30 | 5      |
|      |         |        |
| MON  | NOV. 2  | 6      |
| TUES | NOV. 3  | 7      |
| WED  | NOV. 4  | 8      |
| THU  | NOV. 5  | 9      |
| FRI  | NOV. 6  | 10     |
|      |         |        |
| MON  | NOV. 9  | 1      |
| TUES | NOV. 10 | 2-3    |
| WED  | NOV. 11 | OFF ** |
| THU  | NOV. 12 | 4      |
| FRI  | NOV. 13 | 5      |



| DAY  | DATE    | ZONE   |
|------|---------|--------|
| MON  | NOV. 16 | 6      |
| TUES | NOV. 17 | 7      |
| WED  | NOV. 18 | 8      |
| THU  | NOV. 19 | 9      |
| FRI  | NOV. 20 | 10     |
|      |         |        |
| MON  | NOV. 23 | 1-5    |
| TUES | NOV. 24 | 1-5    |
| WED  | NOV. 25 | 1-5    |
| THU  | NOV. 26 | OFF ** |
| FRI  | NOV. 27 | OFF ** |
|      |         |        |
| MON  | NOV. 30 | 6      |
| TUES | DEC. 1  | 7      |
| WED  | DEC. 2  | 8      |
| THU  | DEC. 3  | 9      |
| FRI  | DEC. 4  | 10     |

\*\* No collection

### PARKING ON LEAF COLLECTION DAYS

Pursuant to §72.20.1 of the Highland Municipal Code, Special Regulations (parking) for Leaf Collections Days, persons that park a vehicle in a manner that restricts the collection of leaves, on the scheduled day of collection, will be fined \$25.



**UNSCHEDULED COLLECTION:** No routes are scheduled the week of December 7, but crews will continue to run the routes through December, weather permitting.