

## YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM – LEAVES and LIMBS

Important reminders regarding our leaf pick up program and the yard waste program.

Leaf pick up within the developments (curbed streets) across the township will be completed through the use of the leaf loader which has streamlined the pick-up process, increased worker safety and reduce overall costs.

We will continue to follow the same schedule that has been in place in the past. The schedule provides for pick-up in each of the three predetermined zones, three times from October through November/December. Please look for the complete schedule to be posted on the township website around October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Limb pick up is the last Monday of each month, September through May. No pick ups in June, July or August.

### GUIDELINES - LEAVES:

- Development/curbed street residents will place all leaves over the face of the curb into the street. Piles should be limited to no wider than a typical parked car. The pickup equipment draws the leaves into the front machine and the leaves are discharged into a dump truck.
- Leaf-vac operations require leaves to be **within 5 feet** of the curb. Crews will not perform excessive raking of yards. Leaves will be left behind and can be moved out for the next pick up by the property owner.

### GUIDELINES - LIMBS:

- The program was put in place in 2004, it was meant to provide a resource for basic trimming and pruning maintenance disposal.
- We will no longer be taking the piles of **hard, dead** wood.
- The program was not meant to be a source for clearing downed wood from lots or for complete tree removal following storms or tree disease. *This type of work should be carried out either by the property owners themselves or by a contractor.*
- The hard, dry, dead wood is like steel bars. Running this type of branches through the chipper is extremely hard on the blades, the pieces shatter, and pose a danger to our employees.

Thank you for your cooperation.