**Mendota News**



**City of Mendota**

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Tom Loonan, City Attorney:

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**The City of Mendota holds City Council Meetings at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the**

**VFW Post 6690**

**1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy.**

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**Fall 2020**

**Sign up to drop off food waste**

Take out your trash less often by collecting by bringing your food scraps to one of four organics drop-offs in the County:

* Dakota Lodge, Thompson County Park, 1200 Stassen Road,

 West St. Paul

* Holland Lake Trailhead, Lebanon Hills Regional Park, , 1100

 Cliff Road, Eagan

* The Mulch Store, 16454 Blaine Ave. E., Rosemount
* Lakeville Water Treatment Facility, 7570 179th St., Lakeville

Organics collected are taken to a local commercial compost facility where it will turn into compost, a nutrient-rich soil additive.

Residents must sign up to drop off by emailing organics@co.dakota.mn.us, calling 952-891-7557 or go online wwww.dakotacounty.us search organics. Participants will receive a how-to guide for organics recycling and free compostable bags.

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**Autumn Leaves**

Wherever leaves fall, they decompose and restock the soil with nutrients and organic matter.

But when there is no soil to land on—such as on a street or sidewalk—the leaves and all their decomposing bits wash down the street and into the storm drain. They go directly into lakes and rivers where the nutrients will feed unwanted algae growth next summer. In addition to a major "ick" factor, this algae is a problem because when it dies and decomposes at the bottom of the lake it uses up oxygen that fish and native plants need.

Don't "leaf" it up to someone else to solve this problem! Here's what to do with your autumn leaves so that they nourish the soil and not unwanted algae.

Rake the leaves that have accumulated along your curb, sidewalk, and alley:

Several times during the fall, rake up the leaves that have accumulated along your curb and sidewalk.

Never trash or burn your leaves:

Don't add leaves to the regular trash (its illegal!) and don't burn them. Burning leaves releases large amounts of air pollution. These pollutants can cause breathing problems for sensitive groups and lead to long-term health effects for all of us.

Put leaves in your backyard compost pile:

One of the best ways to use leaves (from the street or the yard) is to compost them in your backyard. Learn how to compost in your backyard.

Tip: If your bin isn't big enough to accommodate all your leaves, put early and late season leaves in the bin, then on your main raking weekend bring the rest to a compost or yard waste drop-site. If you have room, also bag up and store some dry leaves to use a carbon source ("browns") in your compost pile during the coming year.

Use leaves to mulch your garden and lawn

Whole or shredded leaves can be used as mulch. Mulch benefits the soil and reduces weeds. On the lawn, use a mower to break apart the leaves so that they fall between the blades of grass (consider using an electric mower, since two-cycle gas lawn mowers, especially older models, produce large amounts of air pollution). Don't let the leaf layer get too thick! In garden beds, leaves provide a protective layer of insulation for perennial gardens and shrubbery, either bagged or loose.

Drop leaves off at a compost site

Another option is to drop off your leaves and sticks at a compost site near you. Depending on where you live, these may be called “yard waste” or "brush” drop sites. Contact your county for drop-off site locations, items accepted and any fees involved.

Consider curbside pick-up if you want a convenient option

Your garbage hauler may separately collect yard waste--sometimes for an additional fee--and then bring it to a commercial compost site. Contact your garbage hauler to learn about your pick-up options.

**Snow Removal (Winter is right around the corner)**

The City of Mendota asks residents to be aware of city ordinances in regards to parking and snow removal. There is no parking on the street from November 15th to April 15th. Please do not park in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with snow plowing or snow removal. Also, it is unlawful for any person to deposit snow/ice into the roadway. All snow and ice should be removed from public sidewalks 12 hours after the snow has ceased to fall.

The city thanks you for your cooperation.