

# LEAF DISPOSAL PLAN

*Work Session*  
*October 11, 2022*



**LEXINGTON**

Leaf Disposal 2022



## **Agenda**

- September 13 motion
- Leaf Disposal without vacuum collection
- Water quality, pothole impacts and other questions
- Budget
- Communication Plan

## September 13, 2022 Work Session Resolution

Directing the administration to continue to develop a leaf collection program without using the vacuums in consideration of what that means to the rest of our departments and with respect to Republic Services (as approved in the September 13, 2022 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee meeting).

## Leaf Disposal without vacuum

- At-home options: mow leaves into the lawn; compost
- Pick-up options: yard waste carts and bags
  - In November and December Streets and Roads will collect yard waste bags each week on regular collection days.
    - Litter contractors will assist.
    - Seasonal employees will assist full time staff using existing equipment.
    - Additional staff will assist during the heaviest weeks.
  - Waste Management will collect carts.
- All collection will be on residents' regular collection day
- Haley Pike landfill will suspend fees during November and December for everyone, including businesses

## Leaf Disposal without vacuum (cont.)

- Additional leaf bag coupons in the Fall 2022 newsletter
  - Now provide coupons for 45 bags, up from 15
  - Continue our practice of providing additional coupons upon request
- Provide chutes to help with bagging  
(still working on distribution plan)
- Thanksgiving week
  - Monday collection days will include bags only
  - Tuesday collection days will include bags only
  - Thursday and Friday collection days will have bags only collected on Wednesday
  - No yard waste carts this week



## Water Quality impact

This is measured in terms of the number of complaints received related to storm drains blocked by leaves

<u>Complaints by year</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Complaints including the word leaves	20	25	13	28	21
Complaints including the word debris	56	59	50	36	38
Total Storm Water investigation calls	387	536	514	459	517

## Completed pothole work orders

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	AVG.
January	127	240	636	494	467	<b>393</b>
February	475	303	0	1042	1997	<b>763</b>
March	845	793	615	1194	1138	<b>917</b>
April	551	331	113	210	379	<b>317</b>
May	444	142	247	137	541	<b>302</b>
June	273	201	207	307	650	<b>328</b>
July	360	172	262	301	426	<b>304</b>
August	243	72	206	355	217	<b>219</b>
September		261	254	60	90	<b>166</b>
October		180	136	108	86	<b>128</b>
November		204	36	74	273	<b>147</b>
December		144	0	304	189	<b>159</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3318</b>	<b>3043</b>	<b>2712</b>	<b>4586</b>	<b>6453</b>	
Monthly Avg.	415	254	226	382	538	

## Communication Plan

From our website:

There are many ways to dispose of your leaves this fall.

1. Keep them! It's free fertilizer:
  - Mow leaves back into your lawn. It's simple and good for your soil.
  - Compost them. Leaves are great for backyard composting.
  
2. Let us take them. If you have city waste service, we will pick up yard waste each week on your regular collection day. That material is turned into mulch.
  - Put them in your grey yard cart. If you don't have one or need a new one, simply call LexCall at 311 or submit a request online.
  - Fill up yard waste bags. Coupons for free bags were mailed in the At Your Service newsletter. A postcard with additional coupons will be sent in early November. Yard waste bags will be collected by a different crew and time than carts, so please don't report missed service until the end of the day.
  - Please note: Yard waste carts will not be serviced the week of Thanksgiving. Only yard waste bags, plus trash and recycle carts, will be collected.
  
3. Bring the leaves to us. Fayette County residents and businesses can dispose of unlimited yard waste for no fee at the Haley Pike composting facility during November and December. The facility is located at 4216 Hedger Lane.

## Communication Plan

- TV commercials will run Oct. 24 – Nov. 20
- Postcard including additional bag coupons to all that receive LFUCG trash in early November
- Digital media start Oct. 17 – HL digital ads, apps, etc.
- Radio ads will run Oct. 24 – Nov. 20

## Communication Plan



**We're turning over a new leaf**

**Fill up bags, containers.  
We'll get them all season.**



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**Budget without vacuum collection**

\$806,336 FY 23 budget for leaf collection

Sufficient to address this plan.

**Questions?**