

## BAG DISTRIBUTION CENTERS HOURS FOR FALL 2020

### Thomas Jefferson

3501 2nd St. S., 703-228-5920

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Langston-Brown Community Center

2121 N. Culpeper St., 703-228-5210

Monday - Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Thursday closed  
Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Courthouse Plaza

2100 Clarendon Blvd., 703-228-3000

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Solid Waste Bureau

4300 29th St. S., 703-228-6570

Monday - Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Madison Center

3829 N. Stafford St., 703-228-5310

Monday - Thursday 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday closed  
Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Fall Events You Don't Want To Miss

### Fall Pumpkin Drop-Off - Sat., November 7th

The Solid Waste Bureau will be accepting pumpkins for composting as part of their free monthly services on Saturday, November 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Earth Products Recycling Yard, located at:

4300 29th St., S.  
Arlington, VA 22206

- Pumpkin Composting Drop-off is for Arlington County residents only.
- No commercial establishments.
- Please remove decorations, candles, paint and other inorganic materials prior to drop-off.

For more information on leaf collection and to view our leaf collection tracking map, please visit: [recycling.arlingtonva.us](https://recycling.arlingtonva.us) and search 'leaf collection.'

## Rastrille las hojas hasta la acera para que sean recogidas por los camiones aspiradoras.

### ¿Cuándo realizaremos la recolección?

**La recolección comienza el 9 de Noviembre de 2020.**

El personal de servicio realizará dos pasadas por su vecindario, una en noviembre y otra en diciembre.

### ¿Cuándo pasará el camión por su vecindario?

- Consulte la página web [recycling.arlingtonva.us](https://recycling.arlingtonva.us) o inscribese para recibir las actualizaciones del calendario por correo electrónico.
- Busque los carteles en su vecindario que contengan las fechas de recolección de hojas.

### Cómo reciclar

- Rastrille las hojas a la acera el fin de semana antes de su colección.
- Júntelas lejos de los desagües fluviales y de las tapas de los medidores de agua.
- Remueva las piedras, escombros, ramas y otros desechos para prevenir daño a los equipos y lesiones a los trabajadores.
- No coloque las hojas en bolsas de plástico o en los carros de basura del Condado.
- Nunca estacione su vehículo sobre las pilas de hojas ya que corre peligro de incendio.

### ¿Por qué no se permiten bolsas de plástico?

Con los desechos de jardín en el Condado de Arlington se elabora abono orgánico y se usa para hacer mantillo para los proyectos del Condado. Las bolsas de plástico y otros materiales inorgánicos contaminan el producto final.

Si utiliza un jardinero profesional:

- Comunique que está prohibido el uso de bolsas de plástico.
- Para la recolección por medio de máquina de succión, coordine con su servicio de jardín para rastrillar las hojas hasta el borde de la calle antes del primer día programado de las recolecciones de su asociación cívica (dos pases), para que no se pierda el día de recolección de las hojas.
- Si usa una bolsa de papel para el jardín o un carrito, programe el servicio de jardinería el día antes de su recolección habitual.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SOLID WASTE BUREAU  
4300 29th St., S., Arlington, VA 22206

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# 2020 FALL LEAF COLLECTION & RECYCLING

**VACUUM COLLECTION PROGRAM:**

**NOVEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 21**

**BAGS AVAILABLE:**

**NOVEMBER 2**

**BAG AND YARD TRIMMINGS**

**CART COLLECTION:**

**YEAR-ROUND ON YOUR  
COLLECTION DAY**



  
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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

# Three Easy Ways to Recycle Leaves into Mulch

## 1 Rake leaves to curb for vacuum truck collection.

### When do we collect?

The leaf vacuum collection program runs from November 9 to December 21. Crews will complete two passes through your neighborhood, Monday through Saturday, except Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day.

### When will we be in your neighborhood?

- Check the schedule online and sign up to receive schedule updates by email at [recycling.arlingtonva.us](mailto:recycling.arlingtonva.us). The schedule can be greatly impacted by the weather and rate of leaf fall, so check often for updates.
- Look for the bright yellow (first pass) and orange (second pass) neighborhood signs with leaf collection dates. Signs will be posted on boundary streets by civic association. **Coordinate with your lawn service to ensure they meet the posted schedule.** The date posted on the sign indicates the start of the leaf collection window. Leaves may or may not be collected on the start date; however, continue to leave them at the curb until collected. **All leaves must be at the curb at the start of the collection window as indicated by the date on the sign.**

### How to recycle

- Rake leaves to the curb the weekend before scheduled collection.
- Pile leaves away from storm drains and water meter covers.
- Remove stones, litter, branches or other debris to prevent equipment damage and worker injuries.
- Never park your car on leaf piles — it's a fire hazard.

### Why Are Plastic Bags Not Allowed?

Yard trimmings collected in Arlington County are composted and used to make top soil for use in County projects. Plastic bags and other inorganic materials contaminate the end product.

If you use a landscaper:

- Communicate that the use of plastic bags is prohibited.
- For vacuum collection, coordinate with your lawn service to rake leaves to the curb before the first scheduled day of your civic association's vacuum collections (two passes), so that leaves will not be missed.
- If using paper yard bag or cart collection, schedule lawn service the day before your regular collection.



## 2 Place leaves in your green organics cart or paper yard bags.

Leaves placed in the green organics cart or paper yard bags will be collected on your regular collection day. You may collect leaves in paper yard bags you purchase or bags provided by the County. County-provided bags will be available for residents at the distribution centers listed in this brochure starting November 2.

### When do we collect? On your regular collection day.

### When will County-provided bags be available? November 2 to January 22, while supplies last.

### How to recycle

- Remove dirt, stones, and litter from leaves.
- Place in the green organics cart or paper yard bags only. Bags will be mulched with leaves and yard waste.
- Close bags by folding top down.
- Set your green organics cart or paper yard bags out by 6 a.m. each week on your assigned collection day.
- Bag weight should not exceed 50 lbs.
- Cart weight should not exceed 200 lbs.
- Leaves in plastic bags will NOT be collected.

### Did you know that most yard trimmings can be collected curbside on your regular collection day?

Yard trimmings can be placed curbside in the County-provided green cart, biodegradable paper bags, personal containers (20 to 32-gallon capacity) or tied bundles.

- If paper lawn/leaf bags or personal containers are used to collect materials, they must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- If the County-provided green cart is used to collect materials it must weigh less than 200 lbs.
- Branches placed in your cart should be no longer than four feet and no more than four inches in diameter.
- Small branches, not placed in your County-provided green cart should be tied with string or twine into manageable bundles approximately four feet in length and no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Dirt and soil are not acceptable in the green cart, paper lawn bags or personal containers. Failure to separate dirt/soil from materials before disposal may result in non-collection. Dirt, soil and other inert material can be dropped off at the Solid Waste Bureau by appointment Monday - Friday or on the first Saturday of each month.

### When to schedule a large brush collection

If prepared properly, most small yard trimmings can be collected on your regular trash and recycling collection day. However, brush and tree limbs too large to bundle or place in your cart can be collected by scheduling a brush collection. Please note all limbs must be under 10 feet. This service may be requested by calling 703-228-5000 or by visiting our website at [recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential](http://recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential).

## 3 Compost leaves and yard waste.

Composting takes advantage of nature's recycling to make a valuable organic soil supplement.

### Want to learn more about composting?

- Free classes are offered by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. Contact 703-228-6400 for more information.
- Visit [arlingtonva.us](http://arlingtonva.us) and search "composting".

You can purchase compost bins for \$20 at the Solid Waste Bureau, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### What happens to my leaves? Leaves + Recycle = Free Mulch

Arlington County recycles your leaves and brush into nutrient-rich mulch. You may pick up leaf and wood mulch while supplies last, free of charge at the following locations:

- Solid Waste Bureau, 4300 29th St. S.
- 4712 26th St. N. (Near Marymount University)

The Solid Waste Bureau also offers home delivery of mulch for a fee. Schedule a mulch delivery online at [recycling.arlingtonva.us](http://recycling.arlingtonva.us), by fax (703-228-7893), mail, email ([descontactcenter@arlingtonva.us](mailto:descontactcenter@arlingtonva.us)) or in person at the Solid Waste Bureau.



### Holiday Service Schedule Reminders

- Vacuum trucks will not collect leaves on Wednesday, November 11th, Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Day.
- There are NO trash and recycling services on Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Day), Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day) and Friday, January 1st (New Year's Day). Trash and recycling collections will be delayed one day for the rest of the week. For additional information visit [arlingtonva.us](http://arlingtonva.us) and search "holiday schedule".

### Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling - January 4 through January 15

Place Christmas trees at the curb (without a bag) on your regular collection day. Trees are grounded into mulch; please remove lights, decorations and stand. Regular brush collection is not available during these dates. For collection after January 15, please prepare the Christmas tree for yard waste collection. Trees over 8 feet tall should be scheduled for brush collection.