# YOUR GUIDE TO PORTLAND'S LEAF DAY SERVICE

## PORTLAND'S FREE LEAF DAY PICKUP

Fall cleaning for
Portland's urban forest

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## THE CIRCLE OF LEAVES

### HOW OUR LEAVES BECOME NEXT YEAR'S COMPOST

Did you know? As part of Leaf Day season each fall, PBOT crews haul away hundreds of truckloads of leaves from city streets—over 7,400 tons! All of it goes to PBOT's Sunderland Yard recycling facility to make high-quality compost we use for soil amendments, donations to community gardens, or to sell to the public.

PBOT's compost is monitored for quality, maturation, and sizing, per the U.S. Compost Council's (USCC) monitoring guidelines. The Sunderland Yard recycling facility has been a member of the USCC since 2007.

For our location and hours to buy compost, visit **Portland.gov/Buy-Compost**.

## WHAT PBOT DOES FOR PORTLANDERS

At the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), our job is to connect people to the places they want to go. Our system of roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit gets Portlanders from place to place easily, safely, and sustainably.

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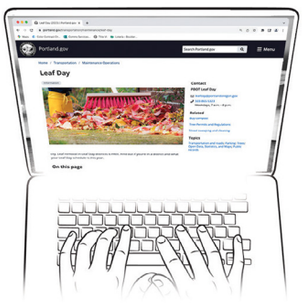
# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LEAF DAY SERVICE

## 1 CONFIRM YOUR LEAF DAY(S)

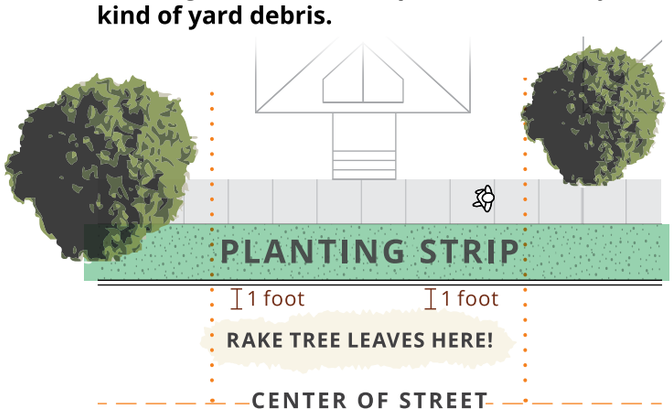
Visit us online at **Portland.gov/Leaf** to confirm which Leaf Zone you're in, when your service will be, and to sign up for email or text updates. Check again as you get closer to your collection date. Severe weather like snow and ice could delay pickup.



Routes are set ahead of time. PBOT already cleans major arterial streets 6-8 times per year. With added budget authority, PBOT is working to bring back local street cleaning citywide.

## 2 RAKE THOSE TREE LEAVES

Rake loose tree leaves into the street as close to your Leaf Day pickup as possible, **ideally the day before**. Leave a 1-foot gap between your pile and the curb. Leaf Day service is for clearing leaves from your street trees. You may add additional leaves from elsewhere on your property, but only loose tree leaves. If the street trees are evergreen, you may gather pine and fir needles for collection, too. **Do not gather branches, pinecones, or any other kind of yard debris.**

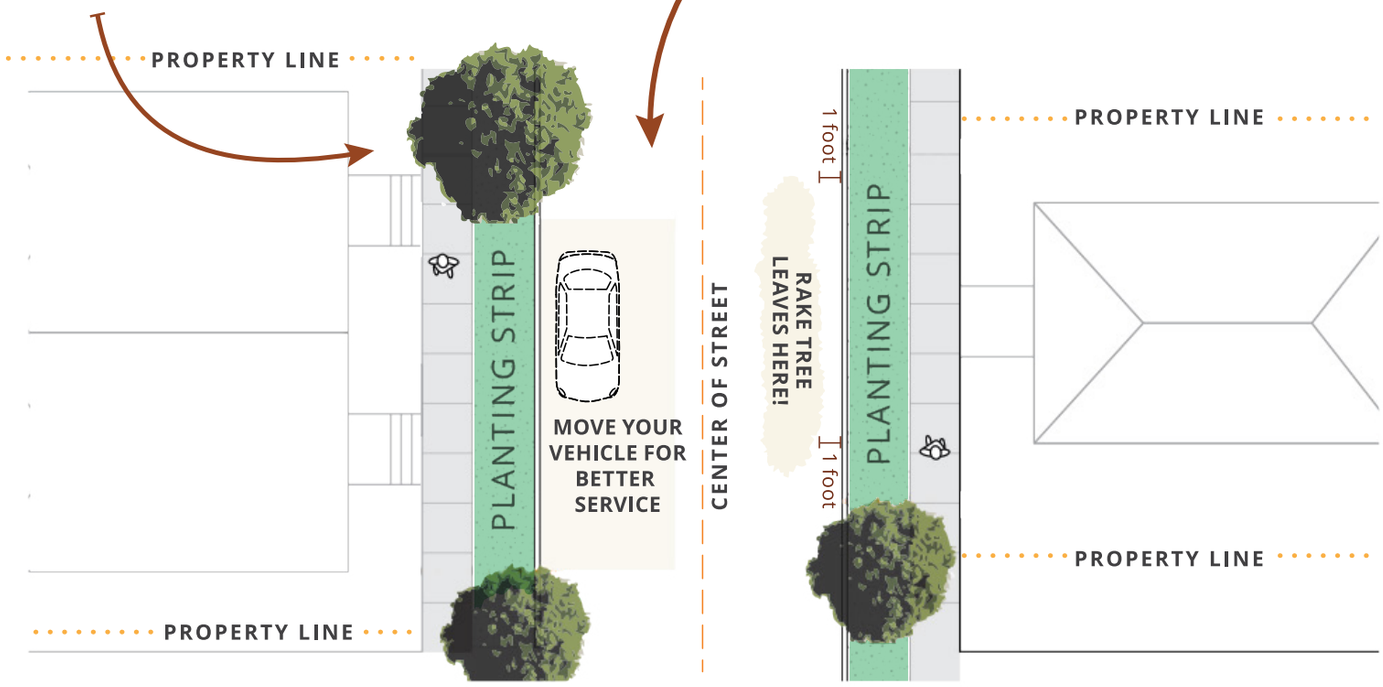



## 3 HELP US HELP YOU

Here are some other things you can do to help us provide better Leaf Day service.

- **Remove obstacles** like basketball hoops and garbage bins from the street.
- **Trim overhanging branches**. Our machines are up to 11-feet high. Low-hanging limbs keep them from hugging the curb and picking up all the leaves.
- **Remind yourself** to move any vehicles parked on the street so our crews can do a good thorough job.

These things will make it easier for our machines to operate and your street will get a better clean!




## CONTACT US

Questions? Call PBOT Customer Service by 311 (503-823-4000) every day, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (excluding federal holidays) or email us at **LeafDay@portlandoregon.gov**. We're ready to help with information and additional resources.

To verify what zone you are in and confirm your service dates, visit **Portland.gov/Leaf** and enter your street address in our LEAF ZONE LOCATOR.

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