

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **Helpful Hints in Preparing for Leaf Collection Season**

The leaves are just beginning to turn those oranges, yellows and browns everyone loves to see, but as we all know, right behind all that beauty is a lot of work. Raking season will soon be upon us, and with that in mind, here are a few helpful hints on how to best rake the leaves for collection.

Wes Ritchie, Public Services Manager states, “Each year we begin collecting leaves as soon as they begin to fall and continue in a neighborhood rotation every week until all the leaves for the season are picked up.” Ritchie offers the following tips:

- Move leaves to the curb or edge of the road as close to the street as possible, but please do not put leaves in the street.
- Leaves should be in a separate pile from any other waste that is put out (brush or bulk items)
- Be mindful of covering up water meter boxes.
- Be aware of on-street parking as sometimes the city cannot reach the leaves due to cars being parked in the way.
- Try to be mindful of any hard objects, such as rock or other small metal objects that may be mixed in with the leaves. Such items can go through the vacuum hose and cause truck breakdowns which prove to be very costly in collection time and money.

For any questions you may have contact Wes Ritchie at 423-989-5685 or [writchie@bristoltn.org](mailto:writchie@bristoltn.org).

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