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### Helpful hints as leaf season hits full swing

Bristol residents have seen an increase in the amount of leaves that have begun falling in the past couple of weeks. The season change is truly upon the City. City leaf collectors have been hard at work collecting an incredible amount of leaves, with the biggest amount still to be collected. To aid in their efforts to collect fallen leaves and prevent hazards on the road, the City of Bristol, TN is asking residents to help by prepping their leaves for collection.

Wes Ritchie, Public Services Manager states, “We start collecting leaves as soon as possible every year. Our teams are on a continuous rotation every week until all the leaves for the season are picked up. With residents help, we can make the collection as quick and simple as possible.” Ritchie offers the following tips for leaf collection:

- Rake leaves into a loose pile at the curb or edge of the road as close to the street as possible (no bagging)
- Leaves should be kept in a separate pile from any other waste that is put out like brush or bulk items
- Make sure piles are at least three feet away from each other and from obstacles (poles, vehicles, mailboxes)
- Remove vehicles from the street on collection day to ensure trucks can access piles, the City cannot reach the leaves due to cars being parked in the way
- Be mindful of covering up water meter boxes
- Any hard object that is small enough, such as a rock or some other small metal object, to go through the vacuum hose can cause truck breakdowns and proves very costly in collection time and money

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

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