

September 2018 Press Release: Grass and Leaf removal for summer and fall

By The Sayre Borough Code Agency

The summer lawn mowing season is in full swing and soon to be followed by falling leaves. The Sayre Borough Code Agency has some information concerning the disposal of grass and leaves.

Public works is assigned the continuous job of monitoring and removing grass clippings, twigs and leaves from storm drains. When they clog and cannot be cleared using regular tools a flush truck is rented from the Valley Joint Sewer Authority. This usually occurs on a monthly basis during the summer and fall months at significant cost to the Borough and residents.

Residential stewardship is the first line of defense in keeping storm drains open to do the job they were built for. The Public Works team needs and appreciates your cooperation in mitigating this town wide problem and expense through small changes in mowing and raking practices by residents.

Please remember; NO grass clippings, twigs, leaves, litter or animal excrement should be left in the street or dumped into storm drains! In fact an ordinance exists making it a fineable offense to discharge grass clippings into the street.

From April to October grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste should be bagged for disposal. Branches can be bagged or bundled into 4' lengths and tied. All are to be put out on *the Tree Lawn* (the grass strip between the sidewalk and curb) the night before your monthly scheduled yard waste pickups which occur in early morning. Please DO NOT allow any debris to remain in the street.

REGULAR YARD WASTE COLLECTION dates are from April through October. These ARE NOT for loose leaf piles.

Zone 1 – 2nd Friday of each month

Zone 2 – 2nd Friday of each month

Zone 3 – 3rd Friday of each month

The Recycling Center Hours are: Monday and Wednesday – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Loose leaf pick up guidelines are as follows: Loose leaves are to be piled on the grass behind the curb - NOT in the street. Be sure no twigs or trash are mixed in with leaves. Leaves will be picked up in early morning on dates yet to be set. Please note that pick up dates WILL NOT coincide with normal yard waste pickup times, which are listed above. Public Works will monitor leaf pile accumulations to determine when to schedule dates for pickup with the vacuum truck. Pick up dates *will be publicized* in advance in the paper, on the radio, on Facebook and be posted on the Sayre Borough website: sayreborough.org. Keep reviewing these sites for scheduled dates as leaf piles accumulate.

We wish you all a safe, happy summer and autumn.