

## COLUMBIA CITY'S LEAF PICKUP BEGINS

The Columbia City's Street Department is announcing that their annual leaf pickup will begin on Monday October 21, 2024. The crews will be following the same routes as last year. The City has two (2) leaf vacuums. The city will be divided in half, down Main Street, with one machine and a crew on each half working at the same time. This leaf pickup is **curbside only**. Our vacuum equipment will not fit in the alleys.

This is **“one pass only”** per week for seven weeks. The Street Department asks that you have your leaves raked and ready **before** the Monday of each week. Please rake leaves up to the curb, **not** into the street. Leaves in the street cause many problems in bad weather plugging storm sewers. This pickup is specifically for leaves, so **please do not put limbs on the leaf piles**. (*Limb pick up will be done for the year after the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> .*)

If possible, try not to have cars parked in front of the leaf piles, as it hinders our ability to pick them up. Leaves **will not** be raked from behind parked cars due to time restraints, so the crews can get through the city each week.

Remember these same leaves will be ground into mulch next spring, which will be available for residents to get for free. Thank you for helping us make this year's leaf pick up a success.