

## Why the curbside leaf collection pilot program?

The Bowring Park and Quidi Vidi Lake Drop-offs are closed this year because:

- Increased use of the parking lots, therefore there is not enough space for a huge pile of leaves;
- Bags of leaves break open causing litter in the street, the river and on neighbouring properties;
- Bags of leaves that are sometimes mixed with garbage attract pests and rodents.

Given that the drop-offs are closed we wanted to provide a curbside leaf collection option for residents.

Our plan is to learn what will work for all - the residents, the collectors and at the landfill.

We will use leaves put in paper yard waste bags for landscaping at Robin Hood Bay. Paper yard waste bags must be used so they can break down along with the leaves. Plastic bags do not break down.

# CURB IT!

Your leaves can be picked up right at the curb on your garbage days in November. Put your leaves in paper yard waste bags. There's no limit to the number of paper yard waste bags you can put at the curb.



## For more information

*Please visit:*

[www.curbitstjohns.ca/leaves](http://www.curbitstjohns.ca/leaves)

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## What kind of bag to use

Only use paper yard waste bags.

There are one and two ply paper leaf and yard waste bags available. Measurements are usually 12" x 16" x 35" (30 cm x 45 cm x 89 cm)

Paper yard waste bags are available at most local hardware stores and building centres.



## What to put in

Only leaves go in your paper yard waste bags.

Please **do not** include: garbage, litter, branches, animal feces, garden plants, soil, sods and grass clippings.



## Options to dispose of your leaves:

1. Mulch leaves to use in gardens and flowerbeds or leave them on your lawn.
2. Compost leaves in your backyard composter.
3. Put your leaves in paper yard waste bags and place them at the curb on your garbage days in November. There's no limit to the number of paper yard waste bags you can put at the curb.
4. Put your leaves in plastic garbage bags and place them at the curb on your garbage day. They will count toward your weekly limit of 10 bags of garbage.
5. Drop off leaves Tuesday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Robin Hood Bay Residential Drop Off.

Leaves in paper yard waste bags will be used in landscaping at Robin Hood Bay but leaves in plastic bags will be landfilled.

## When leaves will be collected

Collection will take place on your regular garbage days during the month of November.

Have your bags out by 8 a.m. to ensure collection.

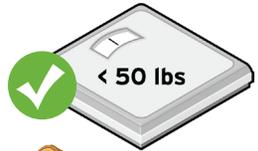
The leaf collection trucks are different from the garbage and recycling trucks, so the leaves will be collected at different times than your garbage and recycling.

## Rules and tips:

Leaves that are not in paper yard waste bags will be picked up by the regular garbage truck and will be counted in your 10 bag limit.



Each bag must weigh less than 50 pounds (22 kg).



Do not include garbage, litter, branches, animal feces, garden plants, soil, sods and grass clippings.



There is no limit to the number of paper yard waste bags for leaf collection.



Roll tops of the bag shut. Rolling the top sheds the rain and snow and prevents leaves from falling or blowing out.

