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Program Refinements for Loose Leaf Pick Up in Cambridge City-wide Service Pick Up on November 8th

Cambridge, Ontario. October 14, 2010...The City of Cambridge has made a big change in the timing of the leaf pick up program for the benefit of our citizens. Rather than have a rotational pick up schedule that moves through many defined zones in the city, crews will now tackle all areas of the city on one starting date - November 8th.

"We wanted to take the confusion out of the system by having one date that applies to everyone in the city," says Ed Kovacs, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works. "We listened to our residents and in the past, there was some confusion as to when the public works crews would be in their area to provide the service. This new system deploys all work crews simultaneously throughout the city."

The same guidelines apply to loose leaf pick up this year. Remember that sticks, branches, and other materials including general debris are not accepted in the leaf piles as they can damage equipment, cause delays or most importantly, cause injury to work crews. Bagged leaves will also not be accepted - they must remain loose. Please leave storm sewer grates uncovered and ensure the leaves are placed on the road as close to the curb as possible, and where there are no curbs store the leaves on the road at the edge of the asphalt.

"Safety is of utmost importance - so please ensure that children do not play in the roadside leaf piles; it's a tempting hazard for young children and we want to stress the need to exercise heightened safety," says Kovacs.

Please ensure that your leaves are raked to the curb/roadside just prior to the collection date of Monday, November 8th. If the collection hasn't occurred at your area, residents are encouraged to continue to add to the pile until crews make their way to your house.

For more information visit: www.cambridge.ca/leafpickup.

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2007, the population reached over 125,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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