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City-Wide Loose Leaf Pick Up Begins November 7th Cambridge Emphasizes Safety and Awareness for Kids

Cambridge, Ontario. October 17, 2011... It's that colourful time of year when leaves begin to fall and yard work is a priority for Cambridge residents. To support this activity, the City of Cambridge will begin the City-wide loose leaf pick up service on Monday November 7th.

The City team reminds residents that leaf piles are tempting playgrounds for kids and to exercise safety and discuss the dangers with children. There are a lot of leaves out there; last year the city collected over 1,591 tonnes.

In 2010, Public Works crews changed up the approach to loose leaf collection and rather than the rotational pick up schedule that moves through many defined zones in the city, crews tackled all areas of the city on one starting date.

"We had good feedback on the new approach as it took some of the confusion out of the process that we heard was a concern with the traditional rotational schedule," says George Elliott, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works. "This system deploys all work crews simultaneously throughout the city beginning on November 7th."

The same guidelines apply to loose leaf pick up this year. Please be sure that sticks, branches, and other materials including general debris are not included in the loose leaf piles as they can damage equipment, cause delays or most importantly, cause injury to work crews. Bagged leaves will also not be accepted during this program.

"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 place the leaves on the road at the edge of the asphalt," says Elliott.

Please ensure that your leaves are raked to the curb/roadside just prior to the collection date of Monday November 7th. 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.

In the event that you miss this year's loose leaf pick up - please take your yard waste to the landfill site located at the end of Savage Drive. The facility is open between 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Saturday. Alternatively, residents

are encouraged to compost or mulch leaves as a way to positively impact the environment. Did you know that during the 20-day program last year, Cambridge collected 1,114 truck loads of loose leaves?

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

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You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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