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**Last Weekend for LeafDrop – Sunday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Keep Your Leaves Off the Street and Out of the Storm Sewers

**DENVER** -- As the last of those leaves fall off the trees, you still have time to recycle them this Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at one of five drop-off locations. Residents should be aware that City ordinance specifically prohibits the sweeping or raking of leaves into the street. "Street Sweepers cannot pick up an accumulation of leaves. Leaves which are swept or raked into the street freeze and cause extensive drainage problems throughout the neighborhoods," said Kelly Duffy, Director of Street Maintenance.

The **Denver LeafDrop** gives Denver residents several options to recycle their leaves. The best option for keeping leaves out of the street, storm drains and landfill is to dig them into yards and gardens, compost them, or mulch small amounts into lawns. Residents that are unable to use all their leaves at home can drop their leaves and pumpkins at one of five locations on **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Leaves also will be accepted **at two sites** on weekdays through December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Residents can also help to close the recycling loop by reclaiming their leaves next spring in the form of rich compost to use in their yards and gardens. The compost will be made available in early May at **Denver Recycles'** annual **Treecycle Mulch Giveaway** and **LeafDrop Compost Sale**.

**Sunday Drop-off Options**

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Northwest:** Sloan's Lake Park – 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. at Sheridan Blvd.

**Southwest:** John F. Kennedy High School – Newland St. & Brown Pl.

**East Central:** Cranmer Park – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & Clermont St.

**Southeast:** South High School – Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.

**Northeast:** Smiley Middle School - 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Holly St. **(New Location This Year)**

**Weekday Drop-off Options**

**Open now through December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.**

Residents can drop off bagged leaves only at these sites.

- ❖ **Havana Nursery** - 10450 Smith Road, just south of I-70 on Havana
- ❖ **Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station** – 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (Quebec St. & S. Cherry Creek Dr.)
- ❖ Weekday LeafDrops must be in tied or secured bags.

***Important Reminders***

- **Do NOT drop leaves at these sites except during the times and dates specified.**
- LeafDrop is only for Denver Residents.
- No branches or other wastes, please. Pumpkins are acceptable.
- In case of bad weather, call 720-865-6810 to check for cancellation.
- City ordinance prohibits leaves from being swept or blown into the streets.
- For more information visit [www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles) or call 720-865-6810.

The **Denver LeafDrop** is a leaf collection and composting program designed to keep recyclable organic waste out of area landfills and off our streets. It is sponsored annually by **Denver Recycles**, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management in cooperation with **A1 Organics**.

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