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## SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

**Hamden** – Public Works Director Craig Cesare announces the scheduling of Spring leaf and brush collection and reminds residents of the guidelines. Leaf and brush collection will begin **Monday, May 5th**. **All bagged leaves and bundled brush must be out by May 5th to guarantee pick-up**. **As with all spring leaf pickups, only one sweep will be made through the Town. Bags put out after trucks have passed will not be picked up.**

Leaves must be placed in paper bags (not plastic) and brush must be bundled and tied with string or twine. Bundles should weigh no more than 50 lbs, exceed no more than four feet in length and contain no pieces in excess of four inches diameter. Bundled brush and bagged leaves should be placed curbside separate of each other and away from April bulk pickup items. No items should be placed in the street or in any way block a sidewalk. Disposal of root systems, grass clippings and soil are prohibited.

Director Cesare would like to remind residents of the **requirement to bag all of their leaves and yard waste. Only those residences where all occupants are physically disabled or unable to bag their leaves, and have provided the necessary documentation to the Town, may rake their leaves to the curb**. This greatly speeds up the process and allows all residents to have their leaves and yard waste picked up in a timely manner. Residents whose leaves are placed at the curb un-bagged without having received permission from the Town to do so will **NOT** receive the service and run the risk of being fined $100 per day. For questions regarding curbside leaf pick-up eligibility documentation, please contact the Town Attorney's Office at (203) 287-7050.

Leaves cannot be picked up from private roads or from roads that have not been accepted into the Town road system. Residents on unaccepted and private roads may bring leaves to the Transfer Station during normal hours, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm as well as 8 am – 11:45am on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Please contact Public Works at (203) 287-2600 or the Help Desk at (203) 287-7676 for further information.

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