#### Why the City picks up leaves...

Street sweepers and leaf machines work along City roads to eliminate excess leaf build-up that causes stormwater inlet clogs, which can lead to flooding and adversely impact water quality. This proactive effort prevents more costly emergency maintenance and the leaves collected will be recycled into compost.

#### How does the program work?

Crews start picking up leaves on October 15th, continuing through to mid-December. Four vacuum trucks and two street sweepers will be used to work their way through the entire City.

## REMEMBER WE ONLY PICK UP LEAVES!

#### What do I need to do?

Rake your leaves into the street, 18-inches out from the curb to allow water to flow down the gutters and help keep leaves from blowing back onto sidewalks during collection.

If you don't have curb and gutter on your street, please rake leaves onto the pavement, in front of your residence. Placing leaves on pavement helps to cut down on dust during collection and keeps rocks out of machinery.



#### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

If you prefer to bag your leaves, bring them down to the City Municipal Service Center (333 West Avenue) on Saturday, November 17 & December 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Be prepared to empty your own bags.

The Mesa County Landfill Organic Material Compost Facility 3071 Highway 50 (970) 263-9319 www.mesacounty.us Also accepts bagged leaves, tree limbs, grass clippings, pallets and untreated lumber (year round) FREE of charge.

### Helpful Hints for Successful Leaf Removal...

#### DO:

- Read and keep this brochure for rake-out dates in your area
- Have leaves on street by 7 a.m. of your scheduled rake-out day
- Place piles 15 feet away from objects such as cars, trailers, boats, etc.

#### DO NOT:

- Park on leaves
- Soak leaves with water
- Mix leaves with dirt, limbs, logs, brush, vines, weeds or other vegetation
- Mix leaves with wood or lumber
- Mix leaves with rocks, brick or concrete
- Mix leaves with metal
- Leave out bagged leaves for pick up

# It's To Start Time To Start RAKING LEAVES!

Residential Leaf Removal Starts October 15, 2012

STREET SYSTEMS



#### **Rake-Out Dates**

In this brochure you will find a color-coded map and rake-out schedule to let you know when leaf removal should take place in your neighborhood.

#### Crews start picking up leaves at 7 a.m. on the rake-out days designated for your area.

When crews are on schedule, leaves should be picked up on the rake-out dates posted or by the end of the next working day.

Occasional equipment breakdowns or bad weather may cause delays. In these cases, crews will continue collecting leaves based on the schedule and return to the missed area on the next scheduled date.

Check <u>www.gjcity.org</u> or call (970) 256-4111 for the latest program information and schedule changes.

Leaves will not be picked up on Veteran's Day (11/22/12), Thanksgiving Day or the day after (11/22 & 11/23/12)

Be sure to check out our website www.gjcity.org or call the Leaf Removal Hotline

(970) 256-4111

For the latest program information



