

BRUSH & LEAF PICKUP

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BETTER MAINTAIN OUR TOWN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Not eliminating any services. Adjusting timing when needed most
- Residents can dispose of brush & leaves at Public Works (12 months)
 - Mon-Friday 8 am – 2 pm
 - Saturday 8 am – 12 pm
- Landscape contractors can come to the facility as long as accompanied by homeowner
- We are adjusting timing of various services during the year

BUSH & LEAF QUANTITIES PER YEAR

Year	Loads	Totals (Cu Yards)
2026	274	6781 (thru 5/15/26)
2025	779	19305
2024	838	20768
2023	798	20025
2022	713	17780
2021	734	18370
2020	961	23734
2002 (for comparison)	559	13975

NUMBER OF DPW EMPLOYEES

Year	Road	Sewer	Parks	Mechanics
2026	12	5	9	3
2025	12	5	7	3
2024	12	5	7	3
2023	9	5	7	3
2022	10	5	7	3
2021	11	5	8	3
2020	11	4	8	3

ROAD DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Some of the responsibilities are --

Street Sweeping, Hazzard Assessments, traffic light & crosswalk inspections

Twice a year re-stone and re-grade stone roads in township

Clean catch basins, fallen trees and other emergencies

Tree maintenance

Pot holes and minor road repairs

Township events dumpster days, shredding, bike fest, movie nights etc

LEAF SEASON

Work Six days a week

Monday – Friday – 7 am to 3 pm

Plus additional 2.5 hrs every day till 5:30 pm

Saturday – 7.5 hour day

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY

Currently

Collect Brush & Leaves in Nov & Dec

No collection in January

Proposed

Nov, Dec & Jan – Leaf Collection only; no Brush collection

January – Christmas Tree Collection

FEBRUARY & MARCH

Currently

No Brush & Leaf Collection in February

Collect Brush & Leaves in March

Proposed

No Brush & Leaf collection in Feb & March

Will allow crews to focus on snow fence removal, street tree maintenance, roadside trash & street sweetening, Guardrail maintenance and pothole repairs

APRIL, MAY & JUNE

No Change proposed

Currently crews focus on street tree maintenance, roadside trash, roadside mowing, guardrail maintenance, pothole repair and crack sealing

JULY & AUGUST

Currently

Brush Collection

Proposed

No Brush or Leaf Collection

Crews can focus on Street Tree Maintenance, Roadside Trash, Roadside Mowing, Guardrail Maintenance, Traffic Line Striping, Pothole Repair & Crack Sealing

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Currently

Brush Collection Only

No change proposed

COUNTY ROADS

- Township collects Brush
- County collects Leaves – We assist the county whenever possible

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Month	Current		Proposed	
	Leaf Collection	Brush Collection	Leaf Collection	Brush Collection
January	No	No	Yes	No
February	No	No	No	No
March	Yes	Yes	No	No
April	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
June	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
July	No	Yes	No	No
August	No	Yes	No	No
September	No	Yes	No	Yes
October	No	Yes	No	Yes
November	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
December	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Total Months	6	10	6	5

EFFECT OF DROPPING BRUSH COLLECTION

- The state started requiring separation of brush and leaves in 2022
- In January we collect about 125 cu yards of Christmas Trees
- As a result of dropping brush pickup during 5 months (March, July, August, Nov, Dec)
 - Using 2025 data will result in 22% less Brush Pick up (4225 Cu yds out of 19305 cu yds) during the year

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- **What are your priorities among various activities of DPW?**

Which activities would you like to focus more

Which activities would you like to focus less

Would council like to enforce a limit on material per house

- **Future years would you like to increase budget?**

- If yes, by how much?

- If yes, where which other departments are you willing to focus less

- **Would you like stronger enforcement? How? Willing to do new ordinances?**

I UNDERSTAND

- This is an open ended issue with no right or wrong answer. Only priorities
- At the end of the day the administration will have to choose the best option evaluating all comments, suggestions received from council and public
- If what we choose doesn't improve situation we are open to further changes

FUTURE STEPS

- Council discussion – May 26th
- Comment period for Public – Until July 15th
 - Please email your comments to brushandleaf@westwindsortwp.gov
- Following comment period administration will bring a final proposal to the council for discussion. The policy will be finalized by September 15th
- The changes will be implemented starting November 1st