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Keep Leaves Out of the Streets – Rake Them Up and Recycle

Now that leaves are falling, the City of Kearney wants residents to be aware that the City does not allow sweeping or raking of leaves into the street. Street sweepers cannot pick up an accumulation of leaves. Leaves swept or raked into the street freeze causing extensive drainage problems throughout neighborhoods. Accumulation of fallen leaves will also clog storm sewers which can result in extensive flooding throughout your neighborhood.

Instead, residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency Landfill where yard waste can be taken. The yard waste is then composted and made available to the public. This program gives Kearney residents the option of recycling their leaves while helping the environment.

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 the lawns. Residents unable to use all their leaves can then drop them off for recycling. Please make sure the loads contain leaves only, no branches sticks, trash or other wastes. Anything other than leaves can damage the composting equipment.

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