

## NEWS RELEASE

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Mayor Donald R. Culliver  
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### **September 23, 2010 – Mayor Culliver Announces 2010 Leaf Program**

Due to departmental budget constraints, the City of Mansfield will not conduct a city-wide leaf collection program this year. Instead, the city will maintain three drop-off sites that may be used by Mansfield residents to dump their leaves. The city will not charge residents to drop off leaves. The drop-off sites will be for loose, unbagged leaves only – no limbs, brush, grass clippings, trash, debris, plastic bags or paper bags will be accepted. Designated drop-off sites will be located at the City Service Complex at 480 Park Avenue East, at Hamilton Park on Fern Avenue and at Sterkel Park on Hollywood Lane.

Mansfield residents may also contract with private firms to collect leaves. These firms will be permitted to dispose of leaves at the 480 Park Avenue East drop-off site free of charge.

Designated areas will be marked with signs. No dumping outside of these areas is permitted. Leaves will be accepted at the designated drop-off area at 480 Park Avenue East only beginning Monday September 27. The Hamilton Park and Sterkel Park sites will open Monday October 18. Trailers and commercial vehicles will not be permitted at the two drop-off sites in the parks. Trailers and commercial vehicles will only be permitted at 480 Park Avenue East.

The site at 480 Park Avenue East will be open daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Hamilton Park and Sterkel Park sites will be open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Sterkel Park will be closed to all other activities during leaf season. Dropping off leaves outside of these hours is prohibited.

Residents who blow or rake leaves onto city streets are in violation of city ordinance 911.06(b), and complaints will be forwarded to the Police Department. Leaf piles in the street can be dangerous for children who like to play in the piles and in many areas reduce traffic to one lane or cause drivers to drive around the piles into oncoming traffic. As staffing permits, a street sweeper will be used to pick up leaves that fall on city streets to keep catch basins open.

Dumping of unauthorized materials at the drop-off sites is prohibited. The City of Mansfield will not be responsible for any damage or injury to people, vehicles or equipment resulting from the unloading of leaves.

#### Contact numbers:

Street Department: (419) 755-9803  
Police Department: (419) 522-1234  
Fire Department (administrative): (419) 755-9814  
Emergency: 911

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