Trash/Recycling Service Calendar
The City of Cape Girardeau observes the following holidays. Offices are closed and non-emergency services are suspended.

2019
Veterans’ Day-Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving-Thursday, November 28
Friday, November 29
Christmas –Wednesday, December 25
2020
New Year’s Day-Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day-Monday, January 20
Memorial Day-Monday, May 25
Independence Day-Friday, July 3 (observed)
Labor Day-Monday, September 7
Veterans’ Day-Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving-Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27
Christmas-Day-Friday, December 25

Special Routes Thanksgiving Week: Thursday and Friday trash and recycling routes will run on the Wednesday before the holiday

Holiday Route Schedule:
Monday Holiday-Monday’s trash/recycling route will run on Tuesday. Tuesday’s routes will run on Wednesday. All other routes will remain the same.
Tuesday Holiday-Tuesday’s trash/recycling route will run on Wednesday. All other routes will remain the same.
Wednesday Holiday-All routes will remain the same.
Thursday Holiday-Thursday’s trash/recycling route will run on Wednesday. All other routes will remain the same.
Friday Holiday-Thursday’s trash/recycling route will run on Wednesday. Friday’s routes will run on Thursday. All other routes will remain the same.

During Holiday Weeks, there will be no Special Pickups.

Residential Solid Waste Customers Only

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
And Paper/Document Shredding

When: Saturday, October 12th 9 a.m.—Noon

Where: Arena Park—4-H Shelter

Accepted Items:
- ACIDS
- ALKALINE
- ARTIFREEZE
- AUTOWAX
- BRAKEFLUID
- BRUSHCLEANER
- CARBURETORCLEANER
- CORRECTIONFLUID
- CUTTINGOIL
- DEGREASER
- FLUORESCENTLIGHTBULBS
- FUELADDITIVES
- FURNITURESTRIPPER
- FURNITUREWAX/PAINT
- GASOLINE
- GLUE/W/NO SOLVENTS
- GUNCLEANSING
- HARNESS
- KEROSENE
- LIGHTERFLUID
- LINSEEDOIL
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- MERCURY WASTE—less than 2 pounds only
- MINERAL SPIRITS
- NAIL POLISH
- OXIDIZERS
- PAINT
- PAINT REMOVER
- PAINT THINNER
- PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES
- PHOTOCHEMICALS
- PRIMER
- ROOFING TAR
- RUBBING ALCOHOL
- RUG/UPHOLSTERY CLEANER
- SHOE POLISH
- SOLVENTS
- SPOT CLEANER/REMOVER
- TRANSMISSIONFLUID
- TURPENTINE
- USED MOTOR OIL—5 gallon container maximum
- USED OIL FILTERS
- VARNISH
- AEROSOLS CONTAINING ABOVE MATERIALS

Not Accepted:
- AMMUNITION
- EXPLOSIVES
- FERTILIZERS
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- GAS CYLINDERS
- INFECTIOUS WASTES
- INJECTABLES
- INJECTORS
- LATEXPAINT
- LATEXPAINT IN GLASSCONTAINERS
- MEDICATIONS
- PHARMACEUTICALS
- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
- RUBBER
- SYRINGES
- TIRES
- TRANSFORMERS/BALLASTS
- TURPENTINE
- VARNISH
- AEROSOLS CONTAINING ABOVE MATERIALS

*Note: Latex paint in solid form may be disposed of in your normal trash destined for the landfill. It must be dry and solid. (call Public Works for “how to solidify” instructions).

This service is provided by the City of Cape Girardeau Public Works Department, funded in part by a grant received by the Southeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District.
Residential Leaf Pick
Leaves Collected On Your Street All Season

- Phase 1: Unscheduled Routes will run through October.
- Phase 2: Scheduled Routes will run November 1st through December 24th. (see map)
- Phase 3: Unscheduled Routes will resume upon completion of Scheduled Routes.
- Rake leaves to the curb prior to scheduled start date during Phase 2.
- Keep leaves no more than 3 feet from the street or between the sidewalk and street.
- Do not place leaves in street or in parking areas.
- Do not place leaves in obstructed areas such as around parked cars, fire hydrants, street signs, and mailboxes.
- Pile will not be picked up if it has anything in it besides leaves. No garden material, small twigs, limbs, or any other material other than leaves will be picked up.
- Leaf collection may be delayed or postponed due to inclement weather.

Options for Leaf Removal:

- Loose Leaf Curbside Collection: Leaves will be picked up periodically October 1st thru March 31st.
- Mulch: Residents can mulch their existing leaves into their lawn by simply mowing over them. This is the most environmentally friendly option and releases nutrients back into the soil.
- Compost Bags: Bags are available at City Hall, Schnucks, Food Giant and Public Works. The bags are sold for $6.25 for a bundle of five. Call Public Works to schedule to have the bags picked up on a Wednesday. This service is available year round.

Haul Your Leaves: A container will be available at the recycling center for leaf drop off. The recycling center is located at 2007 Southern Expressway beside Public Works. It is accessible 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The recycling center is available free to City residents only.

Leaf Drop Off Location
Container available at the Recycling Center
2007 Southern Expressway October 1st through March 31st
Accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week for City of Cape Girardeau residents only

If you have questions call Public Works at 339-6351
More Leaf Season information and route progress during phase 2 can be found on our web site at www.cityofcape.org/leaf or follow us on facebook@capepublicworks

Leaf Placement

If No Sidewalk
No more than 3 feet from the street

If Sidewalk on Street
Near sidewalk

If Sidewalk / Grass Divider
Between sidewalk and street

Do NOT Put Leaves in Street

Do NOT Mix Limbs/Leaves

Questions? Call 339-6351 or email capepublicworks@cityofcape.org

The City’s Leaf Collection Program consists of 3 Phases:

Phase 1 (October 1st-31st): Runs through the month of October where the automated leaf truck travels the entire City continuously on unscheduled routes.

Phase 2 (November 1st-December 24th): The leaf truck runs the routes designated on the brochure map during the dates outlined for each route. The leaf truck will only collect leaves at each residence one time during this phase. To ensure the best service possible during this phase, it is important that residents rake their leaves to the curb before the start date of their route.

Phase 3 (December 26th-March 31st): Begins at the end of Phase 2 when all scheduled routes have been completed at least once and continues through March 30th. The leaf truck will travel the City continuously on unscheduled routes during this phase and may be at each residence more than once.

More Leaf Season information can be found at: www.cityofcape.org/leaf