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# NEWS RELEASE

## Fall Cleanup Begins Oct. 5: Leaves and Tree Trimmings Accepted

**Durango, CO** – Fall Cleanup will occur Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 30. City crews will be moving through residential neighborhoods picking up the following materials:

- Tree trimmings and branches less than 8 feet in length and less than 8 inches in diameter
- Bagged or boxed loose brush and leaves

<b>Oct. 5 - 9</b>	Areas north of 15th St. to the north city limits, paralleling Main to the east and west, including Animas City area.
<b>Oct. 12 - 16</b>	West side subdivisions, including Crestview, Needham, Rockridge, and Junction Street areas.
<b>Oct. 19 - 23</b>	East side subdivisions including Riverview, North College, Hillcrest and SkyRidge.
<b>Oct. 26 - 30</b>	Areas south of 15th St. and west of 9th Ave., including residential areas of Hwy 160 W and Hwy 160 E (Three Springs) located within the city limits.

View a map showing the pickup schedule [here](#).

No other waste will be accepted, and no more than two truckloads will be picked up from each residence. Materials should be set out the **weekend before your area is scheduled for collection**. Once crews collect along your street, they will not return. Materials should be placed in the alley for collection or curbside in areas where there are not alleys.

Heavy equipment is used to load waste into trucks. To assist City crews, place clean up items and brush at least two feet from fences, trees, bushes, gas meters, hydrants, power poles and connection boxes. If your pile cannot be safely picked up **it will be left in place**. Please do not block driving lanes or sidewalks.

This service is available to **City residents only**. Material placed by nonresidents or outside of designated pickup times is considered illegal dumping. The City will be increasing enforcement

with fines up to \$1,000. If you observe or suspect illegal dumping in your neighborhood, please report it at (970) 385-2900.

Sign up for Fall Cleanup reminders at [DurangoRecycles.com](http://DurangoRecycles.com). Type in your home address to view a collection calendar and sign up for free reminders via email, phone or text. Reminders include notifications of special events such as Spring and Fall Cleanup, holiday schedule changes and unanticipated service disruption.

Tree materials can be useful as compost and mulch. Residents who need leaves for compost are encouraged to pick up bags left curbside during Fall Clean Up. Branches picked up by the City during Fall Clean Up will be chipped and given away to residents for mulch in 2021.

Fall and Spring cleanup services are provided by the City of Durango's Streets Division and are paid for by a fee collected on residents' monthly utility bills. For more information, visit [DurangoGov.org/cleanup](http://DurangoGov.org/cleanup) or call (970) 375-4903.

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