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Jeff Martin, Mayor

Dear Hamiltonian,

Once again, the Fall Leaf season is upon us. For your convenience, Hamilton Township offers our residents four ways to dispose of leaves:

GUTTER LEAVES - Due to Storm Water Management Regulations (NJAC 7:D), municipalities are required to follow strict guidelines for minimizing non-point source pollution. These regulations require that all non-containerized leaves be placed in the gutter no more than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled pick up and leaves cannot be closer than ten feet (10) to a storm drain. Due to these regulations, the Township has created a detailed gutter leaf pick up schedule. Non-containerized gutter leaves will be picked up from October 25, 2021 through December 30, 2021, in accordance with the below schedule. After December 30, 2021, leaves can be placed in **open bio-degradable paper bags or containers with handles only**, and you may call 586-0311 for pick up. As always, leaves can be dropped off at the Ecological Facility on Kuser Road.

BAGGED LEAVES - Beginning on October 25, 2021 through December 30, 2021 leaf collection crews will pick up bagged leaves. Leaves may only be placed curbside in **open BIO-DEGRADABLE BAGS or open rigid containers with handles (NO PLASTIC BAGS OR RECYCLING BUCKETS)**. The weight of the open bio-degradable bag or container cannot exceed 50 pounds. You may also place your bagged leaves out for pickup during your scheduled gutter leaf collection. Once the leaf pick up program ends, please call the HamStat Call Center at 586-0311 for leaf pick up.

DROP OFF - If you do not wish to wait for collection, you may drop off your leaves at one of the convenient locations listed in this ad, available from October 11, 2021 through December 3, 2021, or at Hamilton's Ecological Facility on Kuser Road. The Ecological Facility is open daily Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ECOLOGICAL FACILITY - A final option is to bring your leaves to Hamilton's Ecological Facility on Kuser Road. The Ecological Facility is open daily Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with the exception of Nov. 2nd, Nov. 11th, Nov. 25th, Nov. 26th, and Dec. 24th.

By recycling leaves, we remove approximately 12,000 tons of leaves per year from the waste stream and avoid approximately 1.67 million dollars in disposal and pick up fees. Recycling our leaves provides us with the materials needed to make compost that we make available to our residents at no cost.

Hamilton Township is an environmentally conscious town. Through our environmental leadership and smart growth initiatives, we attained Greentown, USA status, making us one of just a few municipalities in the state to attain that distinction.

If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact the Hamstat Call Center at (609) 586-0311 or visit our website at www.hamiltonnj.com.