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The Ottawa Street department announces that it is coming to the end of the leaf vacuuming program for this year. Crews will continue to go through all the neighborhood sections one last time. Residents are advised to have any remaining leaves raked to the berm by Monday morning, November 29, 2010. Crews will begin their final rotation on that date and continue until they have completed the circuit. Residents are asked to place only leaves on the berm, because the vacuum is not able to pick up tree branches, bushes or garden waste. These items only clog or break the vacuum fan blades.

We have to conclude the leaf vacuuming and make the trucks and equipment ready for snow removal.

This year we had an early start and very good weather for leaf vacuuming. We began on October 25 and have worked continuously since. Most of the leaves have been removed already and it appears this will be another record setting year for the amount of leaves removed by the City. If any resident feels they have been overlooked by our crews, they can call city hall and leave their address for a supervisor to check.