

The leaves are falling.....and the trees need trimming...



The City of Banks works in cooperation with Clean Water Services to provide Street Sweeping Services once a month to all the neighborhoods in Banks. This helps to prevent debris from entering the storm drain system, and keep our streets clean and debris free.

As the leaves begin to fall, this gives homeowners the perfect opportunity to trim up their street trees from the bottom. By trimming the bottom limbs of your street trees you will not only be making the sidewalks and streets safer for pedestrians and drivers, but it will also allow the street sweeper to get as close to the curb as possible to pick up debris.

As a reminder: per City Ordinance 90.07(a): No owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall permit trees or bushes on the property to interfere with street or sidewalk traffic. An owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall keep all trees and bushes on the premises, including the adjoining parking strip, trimmed so that any overhanging portions are at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and at least 12 feet above the roadway.

With the leaves off of the trees, we all naturally want to rake them out of our yards. However, raking them into the street becomes a problem for the street sweeper. The street sweepers are not equipped to pick up leaves and other yard debris. Therefore, the street sweeper has to skip areas where leaves are piled in the street.

There are a couple of options for disposing of your leaves:

1. Swatco provides a green bin for yard debris. Yard debris is collected curbside, every other Wednesday. For more information, please contact SWATCO at 503-324-0230, or visit their website at www.swatcosanitary.com
2. NW Environmental and Recycling (located in Cornelius) will accept leaves. There is a small charge for recycling leaves (\$12.00 per pickup load). They are open Monday- Friday 8am – 5pm. They may be reached at 503-357-6090.

For more information, please contact the City of Banks at 503-324-5112

Thank you!