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Don't let leaves pile up, bag them instead

Dec. 5, 2014 - Fall is almost over and that big pile of leaves may be fun for kids and pets, but it's trouble for the city's Public Works employees.

Residents and homeowners are asked to bag their leaves and put them out for disposal on trash day. Don't blow or rake them into the road.

Tyler Richardson, bridges and streets superintendent in Hampton, said the city's street sweepers have a hard time picking up the leaves, and in some cases the leaves can damage a sweeper or cause a fire in the sweeper's "hopper," or holding area.

Richardson said loose leaves are also causing some problems with the city's drainage system, stopping up pipes and clogging drainage ditches.

Residents and homeowners can do their part to keep Hampton clean by putting leaves in clear bags, then putting the bags at the curb on their regular trash collection day.

For more information contact Public Works at 757-727-8311.

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