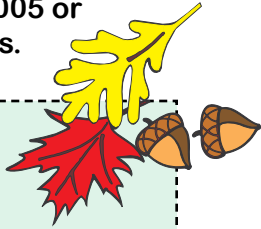


Where and when can I pick up the bags?

Bags will be available for pick up free of charge, at the Harman Center, 101 N. 65th Ave., Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Public Works Complex, 2301 Fruitvale Blvd., Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., beginning October 5th. Just fill out the coupon with your name, address and the number of bags you think you will need and bring it with you. We will fill your request when you arrive.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please call the City of Yakima Refuse Division @ 509-575-6005 or website: www.ci.yakima.wa.us.



FALL LEAF BAG REQUEST

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of bags: _____

Please bring this coupon with you to speed up the distribution process.

Based on your special circumstances, delivery may be available.

**City of Yakima
REFUSE DIVISION
575-6005**

What are biodegradable bags?

Biodegradable bags are made of renewable raw materials of agricultural origin and from non-genetically modified starch, primarily cornstarch. The bags decompose progressively and disappear completely when composted.

Why use biodegradable bags instead of plastic?

Biodegradable bags provide an environmentally sound alternative to plastic bags. Leaves in plastic bags have to be buried in the landfill instead of being recycled, because polyethylene-based plastic bags do not break down and can cause contamination.

How large are the bags?

The leaf bags are a full 39-gallon capacity. They are 1.2 mil rate and should be sturdy enough to handle the fall leaves.

Will the bags decompose before they get picked up?

Once exposed to the elements, the bags will begin to decompose in about 12 days. If the bags sit out over two weeks, they may start to decompose and the crews will not be able to pick them up. Please have only the biodegradable bags out at the curb line by 6:00 a.m. Monday of your scheduled pick up weeks.



Important Information!

- If you currently subscribe to yard waste collection with the City of Yakima, we encourage you to also use your yard waste cart for your leaves through November 30th.
- We urge you to place the bags at the curb line or edge of the street no sooner than the weekend before the crews will be in your area. This will keep the bags from decomposing prior to pick up. There will be no alley pick up.
- The biodegradable bags are for leaves only.
- Biodegradable bags containing any debris such as garden material, branches, grass clippings, cans, paper, bottles, rocks, etc. will not be picked up.
- Leaves in plastic bags or piles of loose leaves will not be picked up.
- The Fall Leaf Program is for City of Yakima residents only.
- Based on your special circumstances, delivery may be available.
- If space permits, please do not stack the biodegradable bags. The heat from the bags begins the decomposition process.
- Si usted necesita información en español por favor llame a la Ciudad de Yakima, División de Basura al numero 575-6005.