

In the midst of the sweltering heat we have recently been experiencing, it's hard to think about raking leaves. However, over the past few meetings, the Town Council has been discussing our Leaf and Limb (L&L) Ordinance. The contractor had requested to change our policy and discontinue the requirement to bag and tag leaves. After much discussion and input from the public, the Council unanimously rejected that request. Bagging will continue. The L&L Ordinance was amended at the July Council meeting, but only minor changes were made to ensure that the Ordinance reflected our current practice. A copy of the policy can be found on our web page.

The contents of the bags are taken to the landfill where they eventually become compost. Obviously, plastic bags cannot be an ingredient in compost. When the contractor collects bags from your property, he moves them to a staging area. He then empties every bag and loads them onto a truck for transport to the landfill. During the height of leaf season, literally thousands of bags may be collected. As you can imagine, this is a very labor intensive process. This is also where the trouble with bags begins. The problem is that some residents place items in bags that are not permitted to be in bags. The L&L rules state that the **ONLY** items that are allowed to be placed in bags are: leaves, grass clippings and pine cones. For purposes of this Ordinance, pine straw is recognized as a leaf from a pine tree and is, therefore, permitted. Bags without tags will not be collected. If you place anything other than the listed items in your bag, you will be in violation of the rules. That is why we require all bags to be labeled. If a bag is found to contain anything other than the permitted items, it will be returned to the owner for disposal. If violations continue, you will be fined in accordance with our Town Ordinance. A violation of this Ordinance is a \$500 penalty. Nobody wants to be fined \$500 for a violation of a simple leaf bagging policy.

Our contractor is paid by the ton for the L&L that he collects. The more he collects, the more he gets paid. He has no incentive to skip piles. Our policy is very clear about when L&L can be moved to the roadside for collection and when collection will begin in each zone. These dates and the designated zones can be found on our web page. All L&L should be placed by the roadside **BEFORE** the published "pick up" begins date but not before the "roadside placement" date. For example, September 9 is the next pick up begins date for Zone 1. L&L may be placed by the roadside no earlier than September 4 in Zone 1. The contractor may begin picking up at 7 a.m. on any road in Zone 1. If you wait until 10 a.m. on September 9 to place your L&L by the road for collection, he may have already been by your house. Our policy states that pick up will be provided once per street. The contractor is not required to go back and pick up late piles of L&L. The easy way to prevent your L&L from being missed is to have your L&L by the roadside for collection no later than the day before the published pick up begins date.

The best way to ensure the fastest, easiest and most thorough collection of L&L in Town is for everyone to follow **ALL** of the L&L rules. Residents want L&L collected and removed as fast as possible and the contractor wants to complete the process as fast as possible. If everyone follows the rules, this can happen and no fines will be levied.

**The 2019-2020 Leaf & Limb Pick-Up Schedule  
and the Town's current policy appear below.**

## 2019-2020 LEAF & LIMB PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Zone 1 Pick-Up Begins	Zone 2 Pick-Up Begins
July 8, 2019	July 15, 2019
September 9, 2019	September 16, 2019
November 4, 2019	November 11, 2019
January 6, 2020 (Includes Christmas trees)	January 13, 2020 (Includes Christmas trees)
March 9, 2020	March 16, 2020
May 11, 2020	May 19, 2020
<b>You must have your debris by the road <span style="color: red;">BEFORE</span> the pick-up date for your zone.</b>	

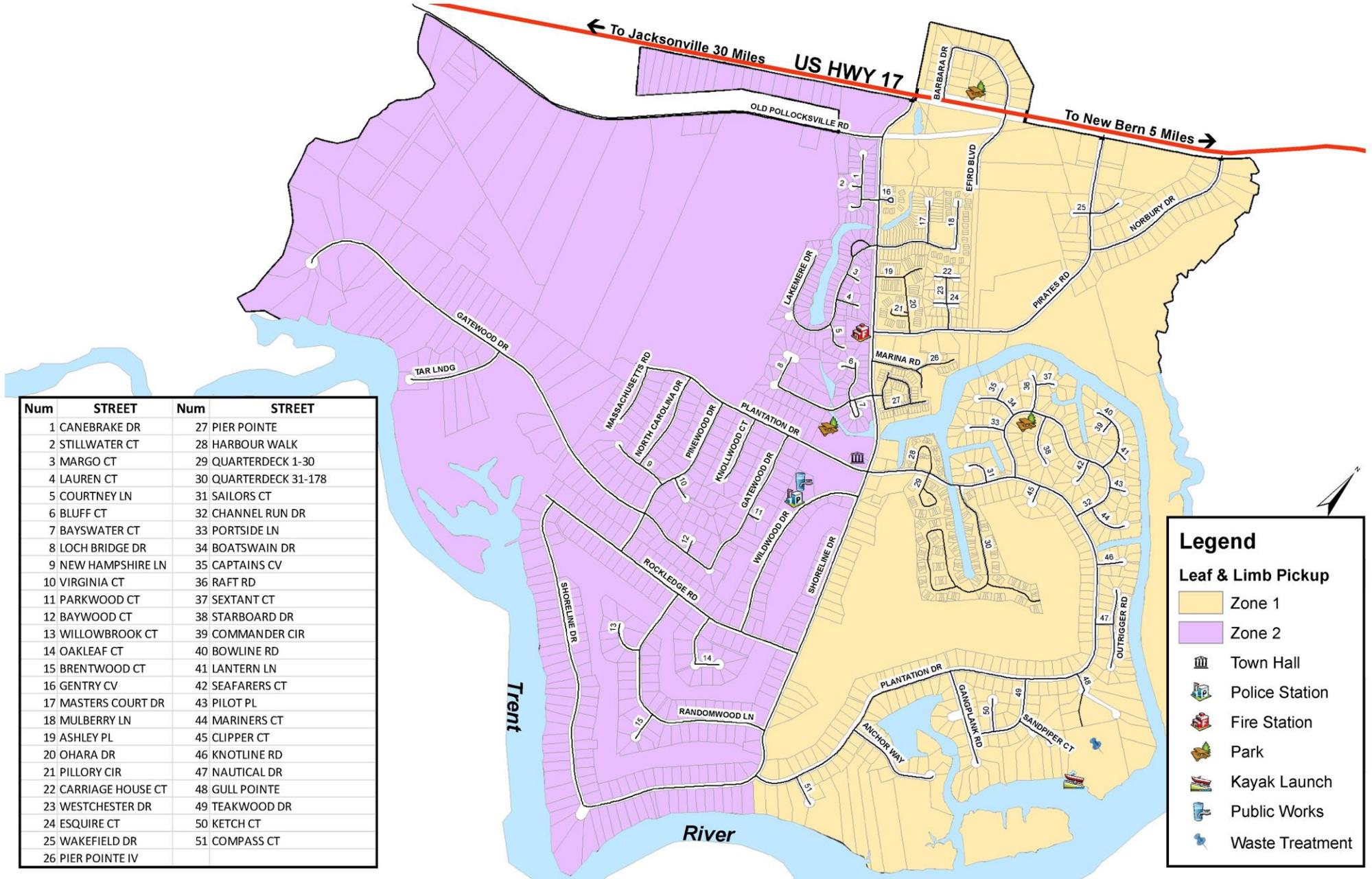
Residents may begin placing their debris by the road on the following dates:	
Zone 1	Zone 2
July 3, 2019	July 10, 2019
September 4, 2019	September 11, 2019
October 30, 2019	November 6, 2019
January 1, 2020	January 8, 2020
March 4, 2020	March 11, 2020
May 6, 2020	May 13, 2020

**There are no pick-ups in the months of August 2019, October 2019, December 2019, February 2020, April 2020, and June 2020.**



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Num	STREET	Num	STREET
1	CANE BRAKE DR	27	PIER POINTE
2	STILLWATER CT	28	HARBOUR WALK
3	MARGO CT	29	QUARTERDECK 1-30
4	LAUREN CT	30	QUARTERDECK 31-178
5	COURTNEY LN	31	SAILORS CT
6	BLUFF CT	32	CHANNEL RUN DR
7	BAYSWATER CT	33	PORTSIDE LN
8	LOCH BRIDGE DR	34	BOATSWAIN DR
9	NEW HAMPSHIRE LN	35	CAPTAINS CV
10	VIRGINIA CT	36	RAFT RD
11	PARKWOOD CT	37	SEXTANT CT
12	BAYWOOD CT	38	STARBOARD DR
13	WILLOWBROOK CT	39	COMMANDER CIR
14	OAKLEAF CT	40	BOWLINE RD
15	BRENTWOOD CT	41	LANTERN LN
16	GENTRY CV	42	SEAFARERS CT
17	MASTERS COURT DR	43	PILOT PL
18	MULBERRY LN	44	MARINERS CT
19	ASHLEY PL	45	CLIPPER CT
20	OHARA DR	46	KNOTLINE RD
21	PILLORY CIR	47	NAUTICAL DR
22	CARRIAGE HOUSE CT	48	GULL POINTE
23	WESTCHESTER DR	49	TEAKWOOD DR
24	ESQUIRE CT	50	KETCH CT
25	WAKEFIELD DR	51	COMPASS CT
26	PIER POINTE IV		

**§ 9.02.030 OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED.**

(A) All open burning is prohibited within the town limits, except as provided in divisions (C) and (D) below in accordance with North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, § 1900.

(B) (1) The town shall provide a minimum of 4 scheduled leaf and limb pickups with a goal of 6 scheduled pickups per fiscal year. The maximum number of scheduled pickups in a fiscal year shall be 6. The number of scheduled pickups and the dates of these pickups shall be determined by the River Bend Town Council and announced at the beginning of each fiscal year.

(2) Pickups will be provided to residential property within the corporate town limits only. Leaf and limb pickup shall not be provided to any non-residential property or for any contractors, including contractors doing general yard maintenance to residential properties.

(3) For the purpose of this subchapter, leaf and limb is defined as leaves, grass clippings, pine cones, and small tree and shrub limbs. Leaf and limb does not include construction material of any kind, trimmings from lot clearing, tree trunks, or commercial contractors.

(4) All leaf and limb must be the result of natural defoliation or minor trimming and must observe the following criteria:

(a) The maximum diameter of limbs is 3 inches and maximum length is 6 feet;

(b) All leaf and limb debris shall be placed in a pile at the roadside with butt ends towards the street in a flat area away from mailboxes and driveway tiles. There must be room for removal equipment to work without harming adjacent grass or shrubbery;

(c) Leaves, grass clippings and pine cones shall be bagged and tagged with a sticker identifying the producer. Unbagged and/or untagged material shall not be collected.

(d) Leaf and limb material shall not be placed at the roadside prior to the announced permitted date of placement at the roadside ; and

(e) 1. Pickup shall be done once per street per scheduled pickup week.

2. Any leaf and limb placed on the roadside after a street has been cleaned shall be the responsibility of the property owner to clear immediately. Leaf and limb shall be placed by the roadside prior to the announced date of commencement of pickup for each street.

(C) Camp fires and fires solely for outdoor cooking and other recreational purposes, or for ceremonial occasions, or for human warmth and comfort and do not use synthetic materials or refuse or salvageable materials for fuel are permitted; provided that the fires are not of the size, character or intensity as to be a danger to surrounding properties, and do not create a nuisance, in accordance with North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Chapter 2D, § 1903, paragraph (b).

(D) All other open burning for the disposal of material generated as a result of a natural

disaster, such as tornado, hurricane, or flood or for any other purpose shall be in accord with the regulations as set forth in the North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Chapter 2D, § 1903.

(E) All trees, stumps, brush and other vegetation resulting from the clearing of land for roads, houses and other buildings shall not be burned or buried in the town but shall be removed from the town and properly disposed.  
(Prior Code, Ch. 4, Art. IV) Penalty, see § 1.01.999