

**Town of Plainville**  
**Press Release**  
**November 8, 2011**

The Town of Plainville is currently collecting storm debris as a result of Storm Alfred. This effort is expected to continue for at least the next four to six weeks. "The public works department has notified both the Town Council and myself that they do not have the resources to collect both the storm debris and the leaves in the short amount of time that is left before the winter season begins", stated Town Manager Robert Lee. Additionally, there is not enough room at the transfer station for both the storm debris as well as all of the leaves that is normally collected by public works. As a result, the Town has cancelled the leaf collection program for this year.

Residents are asked ***not to deposit the leaves on the side of the town roadways as this will impede snowplow operation during the winter months.*** The Town transfer station will be open seven days a week for residents to bring their leaves at no charge. Brush will also be accepted at the transfer station at no charge.

Residents are encouraged to consider mulching their leaves or composting them. Information regarding the composting of leaves can be found on-line at [GardenGuides.com](http://GardenGuides.com) or by going to the Master Gardeners website. Additionally, the Youth Services Department has a list of Middle School students that are available to assist homeowners with leaf collection at nominal hourly rate or negotiated price. People interested in this service can contact Youth Services at 860-793-0221 ext. 261.

"This was not an easy decision to cancel the leaf collection program this year" remarked Town Council Chairman Dan Hurley. He asked for Plainville residents "to be understanding of the situation and the unforeseen circumstances that necessitated the suspension of the leaf program".

**Question regarding this press release can be directed to Robert Lee, Town Manager at  
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