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Hickory CITY SNIPPETS

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CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOV. 9

The City of Hickory is proud to again offer curbside collection of leaves, as one of the many services provided by the Solid Waste Division of Public Works. Each collection area will have two pickups during leaf season. Time allotted in each area is based on the number of mature trees and the size of the area. This service is very labor intensive, dependent on staffing and the weather. Please be patient and understand that pickup could be delayed due to staffing challenges and inclement weather. Updates will be provided as necessary if the service schedule is affected.

City of Hickory Public Works crews collected more than 8 million pounds of leaves during the 2025-2026 leaf season, and crews are geared up and ready to begin this year's loose leaf collection on Nov. 9. Curbside loose leaf collection will continue until Jan. 15, 2027, per the announced schedule.

Quadrant	First Pickup	Second Pickup
Northwest A	November 9 - 13	December 14 - 18
Northwest B	November 16 - 20	December 21 - 25
Southeast	November 23 - 27	December 28 - January 1
Southwest	November 23 - 27	December 28 - January 1
Northeast	November 30 - December 11	January 4 - 15

Until curbside leaf collection officially begins, residents are asked to refrain from raking leaves to the curb and are reminded to place leaves in reusable yard waste bags, 32-gallon open containers marked Yard Waste, or clear plastic bags for collection on their regularly scheduled garbage collection day. Clear plastic bags are available for purchase at Hickory City Hall (76 North Center Street) and the Public Services Complex (1441 Ninth Avenue NE).

Check the interactive map at www.hickorync.gov/leaf-collection to determine your quadrant and pickup schedule. This webpage lists helpful information to ensure safe and efficient curbside leaf collection throughout the season. If you have questions regarding leaf collection, call Public Services at 828-323-7500.







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HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 3 & 17
6 p.m.
Hickory City Hall
HickoryNC.gov

HANDMADE HOLIDAYS
October through December
Various crafting programs
Hickory Public Library

CATAWBA COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT
Saturday, November 7
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
L.P. Frans Stadium
Free for Catawba County Residents Only

LOWES FOODS CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING
Friday, November 20
5:45 p.m.
Downtown Hickory
HickoryNC.gov/ChristmasParade

HOLIDAYPALOOZA
Saturday, November 21
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Downtown Hickory

THANKSGIVING CLOSURES
November 26-27

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MEET CHIP



The City of Hickory is excited to introduce Chip, a cutting-edge virtual assistant for the phone and web. Chip helps community members quickly find information about city services, resources, events, meetings, and more. Accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and able to communicate in more than 70 languages, Chip provides an inclusive and seamless experience for residents. Start a conversation with Chip by clicking the chat icon in the bottom right corner of the City's website or by calling or texting "Hello" to 844-461-CHIP.

Chip is powered by Citibot, a leader in AI-driven communication tools for local governments. Citibot equips cities nationwide with virtual assistants and text messaging systems that automate resident services, answer routine questions around the clock, and streamline service requests.

HOLIDAYS IN HICKORY

Celebrate the holidays in Hickory with a great collection of events. The City of Hickory traditionally hosts its annual holiday season kickoff event, the Lowes Foods Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting, the Friday before Thanksgiving. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20, at 5:45 p.m. Immediately following the parade, Santa will light the tree on Union Square. Enjoy holiday music, shopping specials, and more! Visit www.hickorync.gov/christmasparade for details. Holidaypalooza will be presented by the City of Hickory and the Hickory Downtown Development Association on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Union Square. Enjoy more holiday activities and photos with Santa and the Thanksgiving Turkey. For more details about upcoming holiday events throughout the season, be sure to check the City website, www.hickorync.gov.

