The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has made life more difficult in many ways. Fortunately, there are many organizations here in Lynchburg ready to help with challenges caused by COVID-19. The City’s LYH CARES program has made a list of some resources available to you. Check out the list below or visit lynchburggov.org/CARES to discover the ways your community cares for you.

These organizations have received Federal CARES funding to assist with specific needs:

- Interfaith Outreach Association
- Lyn-CAG
- Rent, Utilities & more
  (434) 846-6098
  M-F 9 am – noon
  M-F 9 am – 5pm
- Other organizations are here to help you during this time:
  - LightHouse Community Center
    (434) 847-5000
  - Lynchburg Daily Bread
    (434) 845-5703
  - Parkview Community Mission
    (434) 845-8468
  - United Way Information Directory
    Dial 211
  - Virginia Legal Aid Society
    (434) 846-1326

To find out about more local groups and programs:
LYNCBURGVA.GOV/CARES or (434) 856-CITY

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling will take place on Saturday, October 24 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Jubilee Family Development Center, 1517 Fulford Ave, Lynchburg VA

Loose leaf collection throughout the city will begin on November 2. Please rake leaves curbside but do not place in street. Leaf piles should be free of sticks, rocks and pinecones. City crews will vacuum leaves as promptly as possible. There is no charge for this service and no phone call is necessary.

Dedicated Ward Leaf Collection is as follows:
- Ward 1 - Week of November 30
- Ward 4 - Week of December 7
- Ward 3 - Week of December 21

Note: Dates may vary with holidays and weather.

Department of Public Works
(434) 856-CITY • www.lynchburgva.gov/leafcollection

Fall is here, and leaves are just beginning to turn color. That means it won’t be long before it will be time to break out the rakes! As you read above, the City’s loose leaf collection begins on November 2.

Unfortunately, leaves and other yard debris can cause major problems in our storm and drain systems. Storm drains can get clogged which causes flooding when it rains and standing water in roadways. Wet leaves can also make sidewalks and roadways slippery for pedestrians and vehicles.

You can help by keeping leaves and debris from your yard out of the street, off the public sidewalks and away from storm drains. Here are some tips to manage all those leaves and make your lawns and gardens healthier:
- Rake leaves frequently to help your grass get needed sunlight and oxygen.
- Mow over dry leaves using a mulching blade on your mower and leave them in place to provide nutrients for your lawn.
- Pile leaves on bare areas in vegetable gardens and flower beds or around the base of trees.
- Spray with a little water to help generate topsoil that can absorb more water next year and reduce watering needs.
- Learn how easy it is to turn leaves and debris into organic compost that can provide nutrients for healthier trees, lawns and gardens. Find more information on composting, as well as opportunities for training to become a Master Gardener, at www.lbgov.com/composting.

Happy composting!