



# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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Dear Resident:

City Ordinance prohibits placement of any debris including leaves in the street, but an exception for leaves is made during the leaf pick-up season (mid October through December 25<sup>th</sup>). Prior to the start of the leaf collection season, our resources are still devoted to many other functions such as street repairs, street paving, street sweeping, etc. and our leaf collection equipment (leaf loaders) are not in service. In addition, starting approximately in the middle of December our resources and focus, along with those of the Department of Parks and Public Property who also provide leaf pick-up services, must be shifted to snow and ice operations. Placement of leaves prior to the start of the leaf collection season and after the last scheduled pick-up date results in unsightly streetscapes and potential safety hazards. With the on-set of winter, placement of leaves in the street after December 25<sup>th</sup> makes it difficult to collect and time consuming and if there are minimal breaks in the weather, we end up with leaves in gutters well into late winter/early spring. You can of course bag leaves and call the City for pick-up anytime during the year. Placement of leaves in the street before the middle of October and after December 25<sup>th</sup> is subject to fines and penalties in accordance with Article 721 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and look forward to providing you with the best service possible. If you have any questions, or would like to provide us with feedback, please call our office at 610-865-7053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kitzhoffer".

Robert Kitzhoffer  
Superintendent of Streets

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cc: Mayor Donchez  
M. Alkhal  
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