



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

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OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Fall Leaf Schedule

Beginning the week of October 5, 2020 the City will start its seven week cycle of leaf pick up. All leaves must be raked to city right of way between curb and sidewalk. Leaves cannot be further than 10-feet back from the curb. The suction hose will not reach. Leaves should be placed behind the curb in long rows and not in the street. Please combine your leaves in sizeable piles. It slows crews to work with many small piles. Leaves should be free of sticks, brush, yard waste and foreign debris. Leaf piles should be clear of parked cars. Leaves should be piled minimum 5 foot from obstacles such as sign post, trees, utility poles, and mail boxes.

The leaf vacuum trailer will start Monday of each collection week in the southwest quadrant then move to the southeast. From there it will move to the northeast and finish in the northwest quadrant. It will take roughly 1-2 days per quadrant depending on leaf load that week. If the vacuum truck is ahead of schedule it will move to the next quadrant ahead of schedule. Please look at the city website for updates on vacuum trailer locations for that collection week.

Please have your leaves by the curb each week by Monday morning for pick up. The last day to get the leaves by the curb for pick up is Monday morning, November 16, 2020. **Please see the City website at www.cityofmtvernon-ia.gov for complete leaf pickup rules.**

Fall Brush Schedule

October 26, 2020 and November 23, 2020 will be the last two brush collection weeks this year. Brush is picked up in quadrants. NW-Monday, NE-Tuesday, SW-Wednesday and SE-Thursday. Brush should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. of your pick-up day in the collection week.

Fall Cemetery Clean-Up

To facilitate fall clean-up at the Mount Vernon Cemetery, please remove all arrangements you wish to save, including any items not attached to the monument before October 19, 2020. Arrangements include all artificial and fresh arrangements on any portion of the lots, slab or monument, including flowers in vases or vase liners attached to the monument and flowers on cradles atop the monuments. New arrangements can be placed on October 24, 2020. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

Holiday Garbage Pick-Up Schedule

Week of Thanksgiving-Wednesday pick up will remain the same. Thursday pick up will be delayed one day to Friday of that week.

Weeks of Christmas and New Year's- No change in schedule.

City Offices Closed-Mount Vernon City offices will be closed on the following dates:

November 11, 2020-Veterans Day

November 26 & 27, 2020- Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25, 2020- Christmas

January 1, 2021- New Years

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INFORMATION ON MINOR HOME REHABILITATION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES>>>>

HOME REHABILITATION



Two Grants Available for Minor Home Rehabilitation Projects

The City of Mount Vernon will provide grants for two minor home rehabilitation projects.

- Grants are available to homeowners with annual incomes at or below 35% of the adjusted Linn County Area Median Income (AMI) and personal assets less than \$25,000 (excluding home and personal vehicles). These income limits by household size are:

1-Person	2-Person	3-Person	4-Person
\$20,891	\$23,866	\$26,841	\$29,816
5-Person	6-Person	7-Person	8-Person
\$32,222	\$34,606	\$36,969	\$39,375

- The grants will provide up to \$4000 for each rehabilitation project in the form of a five-year forgivable loan.
- Potential projects include but are not limited to roof repair, sidewalk replacement, flooring or foundation wall replacement, furnace or water heater replacement, and energy upgrades. Upgrades unrelated to the maintenance of the homes or reducing maintenance and energy costs will be excluded.
- Applications for these grants will be accepted between October 1 and October 30, 2020.
- Projects meeting the eligibility requirements will be ranked based on need (those with lower incomes relative to the adjusted AMI receiving priority).

Further information about these grants and the application process will be available at Mount Vernon City Hall and on the City of Mount Vernon website beginning October 1st.