

Hickory

CITY SNIPPETS

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CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOV. 10

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 2024-2025 leaf season, and crews are geared up and ready to begin this year's loose leaf collection on Nov. 10. Curbside loose leaf collection will continue until Jan. 16, 2026, per the announced schedule.

Quadrant	First Pickup	Second Pickup
Northwest A	November 10 - 14	December 15 - 19
Northwest B	November 17 - 21	December 22 - 26
Southeast	November 24 - 28	December 29 - January 2
Southwest	November 24 - 28	December 29 - January 2
Northeast	December 1 - 12	January 5 - 16

Until curbside leaf collection officially begins, citizens 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.





HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 4 & 18
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 1
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
L.P. Frans Stadium
Free for Catawba County
Residents Only

HICKORY CYCLOCROSS RACE
Saturday, November 1
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Winkler Park
BikeReg.com

**LOWES FOODS CHRISTMAS
PARADE & TREE LIGHTING**
Friday, November 21
5:45 p.m.
Downtown Hickory
HickoryNC.gov/ChristmasParade

HOLIDAYPALOOZA
Saturday, November 22
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Downtown Hickory

THANKSGIVING CLOSURES
November 27-28
HickoryEventsCalendar.com

HICKORY POLICE DEPARTMENT EARNS STATE ACCREDITATION

On Aug. 15, the Hickory Police Department (HPD) was awarded the North Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation (NCLEA) certificate in front of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission in Raleigh. The Hickory Police Department was the 11th agency in the state to be accredited by the NCLEA program since its inception in June 2023. HPD also completed this process in record time, becoming the fastest agency to complete the accreditation process in only eight months.

“This is a major accomplishment for our department and for our city and something for us to be very proud of,” Hickory Police Chief Bryan Adams said. “We have always had high standards at HPD, elite is the word I would use, and NCLEA will only help to enhance the quality of our agency and everything we do in our community.”



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. 21, 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. 22, 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.