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### **City Residents Encouraged To Utilize Tan Cans For Fall Cleanup**

*Weekly pickup runs through the winter*

SALT LAKE CITY – As autumn leaves begin to fall, Salt Lake City reminds residents to compost and mulch leaves in their yards and use tan yard waste containers for leaves they cannot compost.

Residents are asked not to place bagged leaves at the curb – they will not be collected. Instead, leaves will be collected every week from tan yard waste containers. Bags are not allowed in the tan cans, as plastic contaminates the compost – even bags labeled “compostable” or “biodegradable” cannot be processed by the compost facility at this time.

Residents are encouraged to clear leaves from gutters and storm drains to prevent pooling of water and ice.

Christmas trees will be collected from the tan yard waste containers. Trees will also be collected curbside for two weeks starting January 9, 2012.

Yard waste containers will continue to be serviced weekly throughout the winter. All containers (garbage, recycling and yard waste) should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Residents may be accustomed to a certain collection time, but routes are adjusted as workloads shift, which may change the daily schedule.

“Collecting and composting leaves is a critical service we offer our residents,” Mayor Ralph Becker said. “Last season, 3,300 tons of leaves were collected from City yard waste containers and composted, helping us meet our goal of diverting 50 percent of our waste from the landfill.”

To order additional cans or find out about service options call 801-535-6999 or send an email to [slcsanitation@slcgov.com](mailto:slcsanitation@slcgov.com). For more on yard waste and recycling, visit [www.slcgov.com/slcgreen/recycle](http://www.slcgov.com/slcgreen/recycle).

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