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LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCT. 28

East Chicago Public Works crews will collect fall leaves **October 28** through **December 6** or until the first snowfall.

Please have your leaves deposited at the curb before 7 a.m. on the morning of your respective collection day.

Turn to page 3 for a list of district collection days and tips to help the collection process run smoothly.

INFORMATION

If you have any questions, call East Chicago Public Works at (219) 391-8463 or (219) 391-8464.

FROM BUSINESS TO BEAUTIFICATION, EAST CHICAGO CONTINUES TO FLOURISH

Ivy Tech has invested $12 million in reimagining its 30-year-old East Chicago campus. We are thrilled with what the country's largest statewide community college system has done for – and with – our city.

This landmark of higher education in East Chicago is a sight to behold. It is bright and airy, beautiful and functional inside and out. It's a place where I would love to take classes. Students I've talked to feel exactly the same way.

Ivy Tech provides the tools and career paths students need to get the education they are seeking for a promising, productive future.

Travel the city from east to west on Columbus Drive and you will see the transformation unfold. From beautification to new business, you can feel the vibes of positive change.

What began with the city's transformation of North Harbor continues west to the clean industrial renaissance of the former DuPont acreage. In between, you will see visual enhancements – like the gardenscapes – that take our city from beautiful to stunning.

The eye happily accepts green and floral beauty over barren concrete and empty spaces. My goal is to make our city remarkable and memorable



for residents and visitors alike.

This is just one of the many quality-of-life enhancements we have completed in our city. It is only the beginning of what is yet to come.

ANTHONY COPELAND
Mayor City of East Chicago

Keeping East Chicago beautiful – and safe!

Code Enforcement and the East Chicago Police Department are reaching out to all homeowners, landlords and tenants that occupy property within the City of East Chicago to assist in the beautification – and safety – of our city.

Keeping East Chicago beautiful – and safe – is a job for every season. As Code Enforcement Manager for East Chicago, Michelle Chandler and her staff work nonstop to ensure residents and businesses abide by city rules put in place to safeguard the health and welfare of all residents.

Whether it's overflowing garbage bins or a more recent issue with neighborhood fences that are built in violation of city codes, Chandler said no day is the same as another.

"I have always seen the value in what we do," said Chandler, who has been working for the city for 27 years and with building and code enforcement for 17 years. "Our work means we stay busy year-round. It's our focus that changes based on the season. Vegetation maintenance occupies a great deal of our time in the summer. Property maintenance and fencing issues crop up anytime."

Chandler, who was named department manager nearly a year ago, works with a staff of five, whose job it is to identify residents and business owners who violate the laws, write citations and move them through the system. "People are never happy when they are cited. That said, most residents are grateful we are here. They know neighborhoods can devolve rapidly when just one or two people let their properties deteriorate."

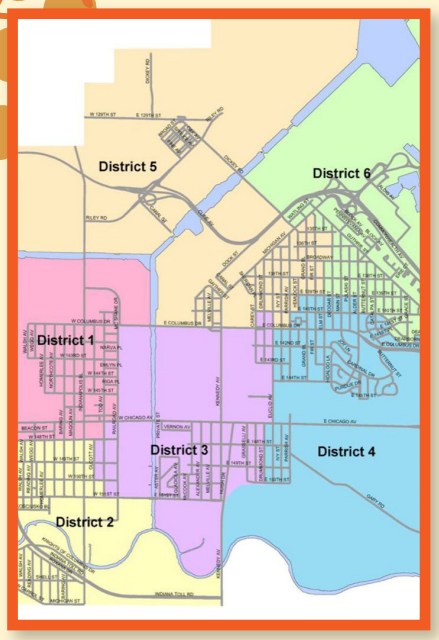
Questions or concerns? Please call Code Enforcement at (219) 391-8351 to report a complaint or for additional information.



City of East Chicago

BAGLESS LEAF COLLECTION

OCTOBER 28 - DECEMBER 6





COLLECTION TIPS

- Place leaves curbside in piles. Other forms of yard waste – such as rocks, cement, tree branches, twigs, flowers, walnuts and grass clippings – are not acceptable.
- At any time, residents may place leaves and yard waste at the curb in plastic bags for regular trash pickup. Leaf piles should be placed as close to the curb as possible. If our equipment can't reach the leaves, we cannot pick them up.
- Property owners without curbs may pile leaves as close to the street as possible, but not in the street.
- Leaves should not be piled behind parked vehicles, near storm drains, or around telephone poles, sign posts or mailboxes.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Please have your leaves raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the morning of your collection day:

Mondays:	District 1
Tuesdays:	District 2
Wednesdays:	District 3
Thursdays:	District 4
Fridays:	Districts 5-6

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Please call East Chicago Public Works at (219) 391-8463 or (219) 391-8464.



[FENCES]

[Jasmine Flowers photos]

Maintenance and repair of fences: All fences shall be maintained in a state of good repair. Any dilapidated, dangerous or unsightly fences/retaining walls must be repaired, painted or removed when so ordered. **Municipal Code Chapter 156.** Call (219) 391-8294 to find out if a building permit is required before starting work. Before you consider installing a fence, please contact Planning and Development at (219) 391-8205 to get specifics on where a fence can be located on your property, how high it can be built and the materials that can be used.





[RUBBISH REMOVAL]

Removal of rubbish from public right-of-way: Keeping yards – both front and back – along with sidewalks, alleys, lots and parkways free of debris is essential as is the disposal of yard waste and trash. **Municipal Code Chapter 98.** Of all the infractions tracked by the Code Enforcement, Manager Michelle Chandler said garbage is a recurring problem. "Rubbish bins get tipped over and garbage spills out, blowing down alleyways. Food refuse attracts animals. Occasionally, individuals are careless and discard trash on the ground rather than disposing of it correctly. For Code Enforcement, it's often a matter of being in the right place at the right time to cite offenders. We ask everyone to pick up and dispose of garbage."

[GARBAGE & CONTAINERS]

Garbage and Containers: Dumping yard waste, trash, litter or debris on city property is prohibited. Every householder shall provide and at all times maintain adequate containers for garbage and trash in good condition and repair. Code Enforcement urges East Chicago residents to report missing or broken lids and containers to help control easy access by pets and wild animals. Please call Public Works at (219) 391-8463 for a replacement. **Municipal Code Chapter 55.**



[LAWN MOWING]

[Jasmine Flowers photo]

Lawns, bushes and trees. Lawns, alley lines and parkways shall be manicured to a height no taller than 6 inches. If you get a violation, you have five days to mow your lawn. Bushes, trees and shrubs shall be maintained and cut so as to not grow into or obstruct any public way. **Municipal Code Chapter 93.**

[WEEDS & RANK VEGETATION]

Removal of weeds and rank vegetation: It shall be unlawful for any person to allow thistle, weed, brush, undergrowth or vegetation of any kind to grow to a height of 6 inches from the ground on any lots, parcels or tracts of land within the city. It is the duty of the owner or the person responsible for the property to cause undergrowth to be removed from the front and rear yards, alleyways, sidewalks, parkways, etc. **Municipal Code Chapter 93.**

[GRAFFITI]

Graffiti prohibited: All sidewalks, walls, buildings, fences, signs and other structures or surfaces shall be kept free from graffiti. Report graffiti on garages, vacant buildings, signs and city-owned property to public works at (219) 391-8463, with an address and exact location. **Municipal Code Chapter 133.**

[ABANDONED VEHICLES]

Abandoned vehicles: Vehicles that are left abandoned on private property, yards, driveways or lots, that are in disrepair and unmoved will be stickered and given 72 hours to remove or vehicles will be towed. Abandoned vehicles must be properly plated and moved regularly unless kept in an enclosed garage. Reciprocity vehicles with out-of-state plates will be stickered and given 60 days to have Indiana plates. **Municipal Code Chapter 103.**

[PUBLIC NUISANCE]

Public Nuisance: Conduct occurring in property which is injurious to public health or safety, illegal, criminal, unsafe or a violation of any Federal or State Law, Local. Ordinance, Fire Code, or Health Code, or injurious to the peace and safety of adjoining occupied structures. **Municipal Code Chapter 93.**

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

East Chicago's trick-or-treating hours are from **5-7 p.m. Thursday, October 31** for all ghouls and goblins. Participating homes are urged to turn on porch lights. Police Chief Jose Rivera urges motorists to slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.



HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

Dream of owning a home? Learn more about buying or building in East Chicago through the Homebuyer Assistance Program at a workshop hosted by the East Chicago Department of Redevelopment.

WHEN: November 9 and December 14

REGISTRATION: Please call (219) 391-8513 to register.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS & TOY GIVEAWAY

Save the date for this year's Celebration of Lights and Toy Giveaway. Santa will be checking his list to see who's been naughty or nice!

WHEN: 5-7 p.m. Friday, December 6

WHERE: Block Stadium, 1601 E. 144th Street

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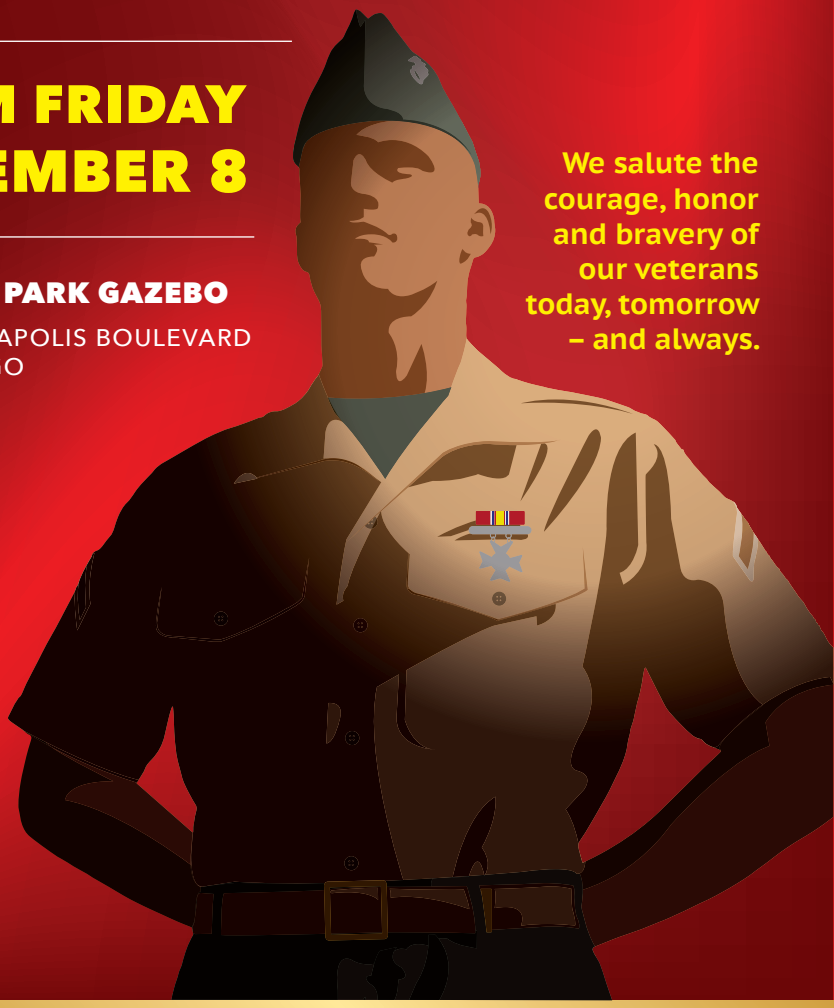
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EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA 46312

VETERANS DAY
remembrance

Join Mayor Anthony Copeland for a Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony in honor of our veterans who gave their lives to protect this country.

11 AM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8

VETERANS PARK GAZEBO
4525 INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD
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We salute the courage, honor and bravery of our veterans today, tomorrow – and always.