

# HELPING YOU AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Did you know that phosphorous causes excessive algae growth which can destroy other life forms found in our waterways? The good news is that Appleton Public Works has a plan! By switching to vacuum leaf collection over the next 5 years, leaves will move out of our streets and phosphorous out of our waterways.

### WHERE IT BEGINS

It begins with YOU! As we implement the plan, you get to rake your leaves a shorter distance onto the terrace instead of into the street.

This will result in cleaner and safer streets and preserve the pavement because no scraping is involved with vacuums!





### **BRUSH COLLECTION**

Because vacuums can't suck up sticks and other yard waste, Appleton Public Works will collect yard waste by hand during normal collection schedules in the spring and fall. Please begin to bundle and/or bag yard waste in the fall similar to what you already do in the spring.

# **SNOW REMOVAL**

Our sidewalk clearing was outsourced to a third party. By maximizing staff and modifying our large item collection, we can do more snow removal inhouse. This means cost savings and reliability for you!



# LARGE ITEM COLLECTION



Everyone benefits from timely and reliable snow removal, which is why we're focusing our crew on this effort during winter months and updating our large/ bulky item collection policy. Large item collection will be every other week April through September, limit two (2) approved items per collection. The best option is to find other ways to reuse your items to prevent them from going to the landfill.

# **SUMMARY**

Reduced phosphorous in our waterways
Leaf collection out of street and onto terrace
Brush collection bundled and/or bagged in spring AND fall
More reliable and cost-effective snow removal services
Two approved large items will be collected every other week April through September