

City to Begin Purchasing Water from Greater Cincinnati Water Works This Month

Lebanon will begin purchasing finished water from Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) later this month. After years of planning and construction of water system infrastructure, GCWW will soon begin pumping water from its Richard Miller Water Treatment plant into Lebanon's distribution system. Customers should not experience any disruption of water service during this transition period.

What Water Customers Can Expect Leading Up to the Water Changeover...



During the week of October 15th, the Water Department will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout the city in preparation for receiving GCWW water. During this time, customers may experience slight discoloration of their water, similar to when the City runs its hydrant flushing program. If this is experienced, simply run a faucet for several minutes until the water is clear.

What Water Customers Can Expect After the Water Changeover...

The City anticipates receiving water from GCWW during the week of October 22nd. Once GCWW water is delivered, customers will immediately experience water that is two-thirds softer than what is currently provided by Lebanon. The hardness of the City's current water is 500 mg/l, while the hardness of the GCWW water is 150 mg/l. Due to this measurable decrease in water hardness, the City is advising its residents and businesses to monitor their water softener settings once the transition is complete, and adjust the softener settings based on their personal preference. Some customers may even decide not to use their softener anymore. In addition to the benefit of increased water softness, the GCWW water is fluoridated as well.

The City of Lebanon will continue to own the water distribution system and will remain the point of contact for all water related service issues and questions. You can find additional information regarding the transition to GCWW water on the City's website at www.lebanonohio.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Service Department at 933-7200.

Giving Tree Helps Local Families

The City of Lebanon Giving Tree will begin November 1 through December 5. The Giving Tree gives local residents and businesses the opportunity to provide local needy children in the Lebanon City School District with new clothing.

The Giving Tree will be located in the City Building, and will have cards that list a child's name, age and clothing sizes. Applications to have a child's name put on the giving tree will be available on November 1-26. All donors must have gifts returned to the City by December 5. Anyone wishing to donate to the program but is unable to shop, may purchase a gift card from a local store, such as Walmart, Target or Kohls, to help our local children in need.



If you have any questions or would like to participate, please call the Service Department at 933-7200.

Leaf collections begin October 22

It's that time of year again, when Public Works is gearing up for leaf-collection season. Since trees lose their leaves at varying times, collection has been lengthened to accommodate the tree cycles.

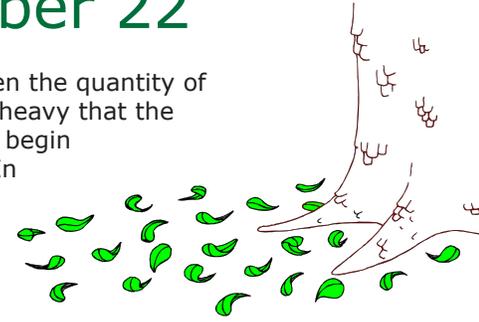
To collect leaves more effectively, we request that you rake leaves into the street approximately 12 inches away from the curb to allow rainfall to flow down the curb and into the storm inlets. If your street does not have curbs, line up your row of leaves on the pavement as close to the shoulder of the road as possible to leave the maximum amount of street surface open for vehicles.

Please ensure that there are not any foreign objects hidden in the leaf piles. This causes great damage to our leaf-vac, causing a delay in the program for repairs.

**Please remove
all parked vehicles
from the street
until leaves have
been removed.**

- *Please Note: Have your leaves raked and ready for pickup by 7:00 a.m. on the first day of your scheduled pickup.*
- *When the crews are scheduled to be in your area on consecutive days, crews will be on your street one of the days, but not all.*
- *DO NOT park vehicles in the street until leaves have been removed.*

There may be times when the quantity of leaves in one area is so heavy that the leaf collection crews will begin earlier than scheduled. In these cases, crews will return to your area on the days scheduled as well.



In case of an early snow prior to a leaf collection, leaves raked to the curb for collection will likely be plowed onto the road-way along with the snow. Weather permitting, any remaining leaves will be collected. An early snowfall seriously hampers our leaf collection efforts because some of the same trucks that are used to pick up leaves will be needed to plow the streets.

Should you miss the opportunity to participate in the program on the scheduled dates, please bag your leaves and deposit them in the provided dumpster located at the Public Works building at 511 North Broadway.

Questions or concerns about leaf pick-up?

Call Dan Wilson, Superintendent of Public Works @ 228-3701 or Email: dwilson@lebanonohio.gov.

Leaf Collection Schedule

1. Oct. 22-24; Nov. 7-9 & Dec. 3-5

Main St. to Maple Ave. from East St. to West St., including Silverwood Farms.

2. Oct. 24-26, Nov. 12-14 & Dec. 5-7

Maple Ave. South, including Poplar Hill, Oak Forge, Stone Ridge, Sterling Chase, Lakeside Landing, Catalpa Ridge, Cook Rd., Countryside and Tecumseh Trails.

3. Oct. 29-31, Nov. 14-16 & Dec. 10-12

North Broadway to By-Pass 48 from East Main St. to Monroe Rd.

4. Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Nov. 19-21 & Dec. 15-17

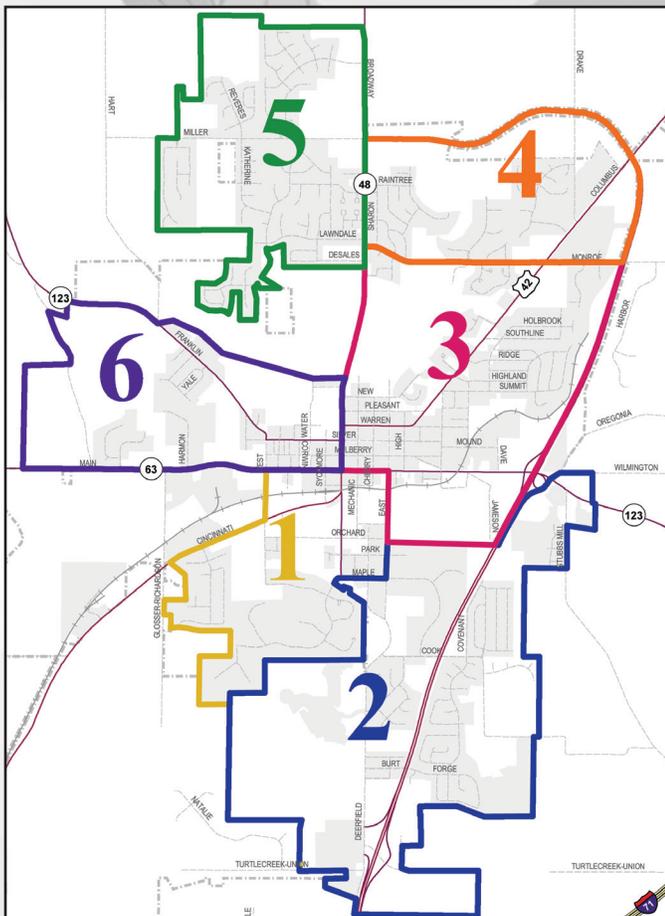
North Broadway to Columbus Ave. from Monroe Rd. to Miller Rd., including East Ridge and Ridge View.

5. Nov. 5-7 & 26-28; Dec. 17-19

North Broadway City limits to west City limits on Miller Road to Desales Ave., including Garfield Park, Revere's Run and Millers Crossing.

6. Nov. 7-9 & 28-30 & Dec. 19-21

North Broadway to west City limits (SR's. 63 & 123) from Desales Ave. to West Main St., including American Village.



New Tree Pest Has Been Discovered in Southwest Ohio

By now, most property owners have heard of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) insect, which has infested numerous ash trees in Ohio. The EAB migrated into Lebanon and has killed numerous ash trees in the community. The EAB infestation only affects ash trees, but a recently discovered pest, the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) will infest many different tree species, including maple, buckeye, willow, elm and birch trees among several others, making it a very dangerous threat to our trees.

In June 2011, the ALB was discovered in Clermont County. The ALB originates from Asia, and was first discovered in the United States in 1996. This is a very large beetle, which ranges in size from .75 to 1.5 inches long and is shiny black with white spots. Each adult has a pair of curved, black and white striped antennae that are longer than their entire body. As adults,



these flying insects chew pits in the bark where they lay their eggs. When the eggs hatch the larva bore into trees and feed on the inner wood through the fall and winter. After pupating in the spring, the adult insects exit the tree leaving a nearly dime-sized hole.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is taking several steps to control this latest threat to the state's tree population. The ODA is currently performing a large survey of the affected area, and has quarantined parts of four different townships. The ODA also is trying to eradicate this new threat by cutting and chipping all known infested trees.

A contributing factor to the spread of ALB is moving firewood out of infested areas. You can help prevent the spread of the pest and other pests by not moving firewood, and reporting any suspicious-looking beetle or large diameter exit holes observed in trees. For more information, and to report observation of the beetle please visit www.beetlebusters.info.

Lebanon's Emergency Alert System May Require Registration

Did you know the City of Lebanon uses CodeRED alert system to relay important information to residents by phone?

CodeRED is a high-speed messaging system that can deliver customized emergency notification and instructions at a rate of 60,000 calls per hour. The system is primarily used to notify residents of important information, such as, utility disruptions, boil alerts, road closures, and other important community-related information. The system is not used to relay weather-related information, such as, tornado warnings, since the system does not operate as rapidly as needed. Residents should rely on weather radios, local news programming and the tornado sirens for this information.

Residential land line telephones automatically receive CodeRED messages; however you must register if you wish to receive the emergency notifications. Please register if:

- You want to be notified on your cell phone
- You have an unlisted phone number
- You have recently moved and need to update your phone number
- You use TDD/TTY
- You want to use your work phone as a back up to your home phone



You will know the call is from CodeRED alert system when your Caller ID displays 999-911-9999 or **Emergency Comm for Emergency Notifications**. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back. Also, Android and iPhone users can download the free CodeRED mobile alert app to receive alerts. The app is *geo-aware*, which means you will only receive alerts that impact your *specific* location.

To register, visit www.lebanonohio.gov and click the CodeRED icon in the lower left hand corner of the page.



Events Calendar

Lebanon Fire Dept. Open House

October 11; 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Station 41 at 20 W. Silver St.

Bring the family and come join Lebanon's annual Fire Dept. Open House. Refreshments, equipment displays and more.

Farmer's Market

October 11 & 18; 3-7 p.m. in the parking lot at the corner of Main and Sycamore.

Come shop the last markets of the 2012 growing season!

Pioneer Cemetery Tour

October 12-13 at Pioneer Cemetery

The tour begins at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required. Visit www.wchsmuseum.org or call 513-932-1817.

Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade

Oct. 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Downtown Lebanon on Mulberry St.

Dress up your dog and enter for prizes. Visit www.historicdowntownlebanon.com for more information.

Trick-or-Treat

October 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Illumination

November 23, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Christmas Tree Park in Downtown Lebanon

This annual tree lighting ceremony kicks off the holiday season. Participating downtown shops open late.

Lebanon Carriage Parade

December 1 in Downtown Lebanon

Horse parades and Christmas Festival. This annual event includes a 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. parade. Visit www.lebanonchamber.org.

Lebanon's Recycling Program Offers Larger Recycling Bins

Rumpke is committed to expanding our community's recycling efforts that reduce the amount of material in landfills. Residents now have the option of using a 65-gallon recycling "cart" container to replace their existing 18-gallon recycling bins. These carts are no additional charge, and can hold much more recycling material, and can be rolled out to the curb for collection.

Rumpke is making a multi-million dollar investment to incorporate the most advanced sorting technology available at their Material Recovery Facility. This upgrade will allow the company to improve its efficiency and accept the new materials.

If you have questions regarding the expanded recycling program, or would like to sign up to have a new recycling "cart" container delivered to your residence, please contact the Service Department at 933-7200.

You Can Participate in Local Government

Citizens are invited to participate in local government by attending Lebanon City Council meetings. Time is set aside at the start of each regular Council meeting for residents to ask questions and voice comments. Individuals requesting to speak should check-in with the Clerk of Council prior to the start of the meeting.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The meetings are held in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the City Building at 50 South Broadway.

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