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## **City of Toledo Asks for Residents' Patience in Leaf Removal**

Toledo, OH- Since December 1, 2007, the City of Toledo's Division of Streets, Bridges and Harbor has been picking up both snow and leaves from city streets and fighting mother nature in a seemingly losing battle in an attempt to complete leaf collection by the end of 2007.

A delay in leaves falling from the trees caused an initial delay in the leaf pick up schedule. By pushing back the leaf pick up schedule, there is greater risk that the leaves will not be picked up prior to the snow fall. This is indeed what has happened. Over 9 inches of snow has fallen on city streets in the month of December, with an additional 4 to 8 inches expected to fall over the New Year holiday.

The number one priority for the Division of Streets, Bridges and Harbor is to maintain the streets in such condition as to allow safe travel. This means that leaves may have to wait while the snow and ice storms are combated. Please be rest assured that as soon as the weather allows, the City will be out in full force with bucket loaders and leaf vacuums, cleaning remaining leaves from the streets. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

During snow events, please continue to refrain from parking on the street, wherever possible, so plows can safely pass through the area. This is especially needed in cul-de-sacs or dead-end streets where there is limited maneuverability. And, for your safety, please maintain at least a 50 foot distance from our plow vehicles.

For additional information or questions, please contact The Division of Streets, Bridges and Harbor at 419-936-2523.

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