



Yellow Creek Mennonite Church Building Fund Leaf Pickup Fundraiser Fall 2020

We are so excited to participate in Elkhart County's Leaf Competition this year with the proceeds benefiting the Yellow Creek Church Building Fund! This will be a church wide event and are asking everyone to pitch in where they can. In the past this has been an MYF fundraiser which received over \$9,000 last year. Just imagine how much more we could benefit from the entire church body working together!

How does the fundraiser work?

The more leaves we collect, the more money we receive. All participating groups that comply with competition rules and drop off at least 1 ton of leaves ("Threshold Amount") will receive a "threshold prize" of \$500. Groups whose Collection Totals exceed the Threshold Amount, will have their excess leaves counted toward the "grand prize." Groups exceeding the Threshold Amount will receive a pro rata share of the "grand prize" (\$50,000 minus funds distributed as threshold prizes) based on their percentage of leaves, collected during the competition.

When is the fundraiser?

The competition begins September 21 through December 11, 2020.

Are there any rules?

There are several rules placed by the county for us to follow.

- Leaves must be collected only from Elkhart County.
- Groups should NOT collect leaves from incorporated areas of Elkhart County where leaf collection is already provided (including the City of Elkhart, City of Goshen, City of Nappanee, Town of Bristol, Town of Middlebury, Town of Millersburg, and Town of Wakarusa). If you are unsure if your area is incorporated, visit <https://www.elkhartcountyswmd.com/leaf-collection-competition> to view a map of restricted areas.
- You may use a lawn mower to collect leaves along with your grass clippings. Just make sure it's mostly leaves.
- All properties where we collect leaves must fill out the Property Information Form.
 - The Property Information form is attached below. Please make sure to print the form with Collette Troyer's information on it. Feel free to make copies as needed.

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Where do we take our collected leaves?

There are several options on what to do with your leaves once you have collected them.

1. The Elkhart County Landfill

- a. Leaves may be dropped off at the Elkhart County Landfill before 4:30 pm on weekdays and before 11:30 am on Saturdays. The Elkhart County Landfill is located at 59530 County Road 7. You **MUST** arrive no later than 4:30 pm on weekdays, and be unloaded and out by 5:00 pm and arrive no later than 11:30 am on Saturdays, and be unloaded and out by 12:00 pm. If you arrive or depart later than these times, the leaves you drop off will not be counted toward our group's collection total.
- b. **When arriving at the landfill window, be sure to state that you are participating in the leaf collection competition and say you're with Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. Also, give the landfill your completed Property Information Forms.**



2. Yellow Creek Gravel Pit

- a. We will be stockpiling collected leaves at Yellow Creek Gravel Pit, as we have in past years. This has worked well due to the landfill having limited weeknight and Saturday hours for drop off. We will use the dump trucks to take loads in throughout the competition and the final dump truck load will be December 9.
- b. You may drop off the leaves during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 7 am - 5 pm) or call Collette Troyer (574-596-8701) or Burnell Weaver (574-971-6620) if you'd like to drop off leaves outside those hours.
- c. Please make sure to print and give the Property Information Form to Collette Troyer if you decide to drop off at the gravel pit.

3. No means of transporting leaves?

- a. If you have no way to transport your collected leaves, please contact Collette Troyer. The MYF has one collection date scheduled for November 14. We will use this day to collect as many homes leaves as possible, weather permitting.
 - i. We would appreciate picking up piles of leaves but understand if you're physically unable to rake your leaves, we would be happy to do it for you.
 - ii. The MYF will receive a portion of the final funds for their work on this day.
- b. Others in the church?
 - i. I will be searching for others within the church that are willing to volunteer their time to be available to collect and/or transport leaves from homes to the landfill or the gravel pit as needed.
 - ii. If you're able and willing, please contact Collette and she will compile a list of available people to contact when someone needs assistance with their leaves.

For more information and competition rules, visit the Elkhart County Leaf Fundraiser page - <https://www.elkhartcountyswmd.com/leaf-collection-competition>.

Let's pull together to make this fundraiser a great success for the Building Fund!

Thank you!

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