

Hounslow Highways, the appointed highways service provider, is responsible for improving and maintaining the borough's entire street scene assets fence-to-fence for the next 25 years. Over the next five years, Hounslow Highways will be investing £100 million in the borough's roads, footpaths, street lights and street cleansing.

Hounslow Highways is committed to clearing leaf fall before it accumulates and has a dedicated proactive service to ensure leaves are dealt with efficiently.

For more information please visit the Leaf Fall page under 'Street Cleansing' at www.hounslowhighways.org



Our Commitment to You

Hounslow Highways is committed to the consistent improvement of the places and spaces in the London Borough of Hounslow and to working closely with local communities, residents and businesses to build a better borough. We hope that everyone will enjoy the new look and feel that we create over the coming years and that everyone takes part in this exciting opportunity to improve our local areas.

If you have any further questions, wish to report a fault or wish to comment on any aspect of the Hounslow Highways service, please visit:

www.hounslowhighways.org

or telephone:

0208 583 2000

Dealing With Leaf Fall

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**London Borough
of Hounslow**



A very leafy borough

There are over 60,000 trees in the London Borough of Hounslow of which 11,300 are street trees on the roadside, maintained by Hounslow Highways.

Hounslow Highways is responsible for street cleansing across the borough, including clearing debris from trees and bushes that falls on the roads and pavements.

The most commonly found species of trees, such as London plane, lime, oak and sycamore can shed large amounts of leaves and pose a challenge when keeping the streets safe and clean.

When will the leaves on my street be cleared?

The leaf management programme is already underway as part of Hounslow Highways' day-to-day scheduled street cleansing responsibilities.

Each street will be cleared of the fallen leaves at least once from October to January. This is in addition to the routine clean by barrow walkers every two weeks. We have also identified 100 kilometres of 'Hot Spots' in areas with higher numbers of trees which will be visited four to five times during the season.

Ready to react

Hounslow Highways is ready to clear the leaves from the priority areas of the borough on a reactive basis.

We have dedicated leaf clearance teams and use a combination of methods, including barrow teams, mechanical sweepers - using a vehicle equipped with specialist leaf clearance equipment – caged vehicles and leaf blowers and suckers. Using these different techniques ensures that optimum leaf clearance is carried out every time.

A flexible approach

The programme takes into account the number of trees on each street as well as the different types of trees which shed their leaves at different times. Hounslow Highways maintains a flexible approach in order to be able to react to varying factors such as the weather.

Are there provisions for emergency leaf clearance works?

Yes! Should unexpectedly high leaf fall occur on a particular street or number of streets which causes a potential hazard or concern to pedestrians and/or road users, our leaf cleaning teams are ready to respond if necessary.

Leaf fall has occurred on my street but you are not scheduled to clean it for a few weeks – can anything be done?

On receipt of a report, we will inspect the site and send a leaf clearance team within two business days if the leaf fall is considered excessive. If it is not considered excessive, the leaves will be cleared during the next routine street cleanse.

