



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**FROM:** City of Memphis Division of Public Works

**DATE:** Friday, January 18, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Public Works bagged leaves drop-off to close Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

The City of Memphis Public Works bagged leaves drop-off at 304 Collins Street will close Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The site which is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., will be closed Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> due to observance of the MLK Jr. Birthday.

The volume of bagged leaves delivered by residents has steadily declined in recent weeks, thus necessitating the closure of the site, which is open approximately 60 days annually. Approximately 188 tons of leaves have been delivered to the drop-off site since late November. Although curbside collection of leaves will continue Solid Waste Management has already collected over 859 truckloads or 21,463 tons of leaves citywide since leaves collection began in November. The majority of the bagged leaves will be debagged and composted in the coming months, thus saving the City landfill disposal costs exceeding a half million dollars.

Public Works wishes to thank those who utilized the drop-off and for assisting Solid Waste Management in this effort. For further information and assistance regarding solid waste matters, please call the City of Memphis 311 call center.

