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**Mayor Proposes Major Improvements to City's  
Bulk and Brush Refuse Service and Leaf Collection Program**

**Richmond, VA** – Richmond Mayor Levar M. Stoney has submitted his FY 2018 budget proposal to City Council, which includes a new initiative to help keep our city clean and improve public trash and leaf collection services.

If the proposal is approved, bulk and brush trash and bagged leaves would be picked up consistently and reliably, collected every other week year-round on the same rotation with city recycling.

No longer would fallen leaves clutter city streets for months on end and contribute to clogging city sewer and drainage systems. Nor would the accumulation of bulk trash be visible within our communities for long periods of time.

To help pay for long overdue and desperately needed improvements to the bulk and brush refuse service, as well as for leaf collection — *and to lessen the associated cost to fix what isn't working* — the City of Richmond would implement a two part solution to make collection of bulk, brush and leaf collection reliable, consistent and efficient: 1) the monthly service charge would be increased by \$2.50 a month citywide; and 2) citizens would be required to bag their leaves, and encouraged to do so in an environmentally responsible way.

Implementation of this initiative would save the city as much as \$2.2 million dollars annually, which could be allocated toward other city services.

Please visit the following website page for FAQs and more information:

<http://richmondvacitynews.blogspot.com/2017/03/mayors-proposed-bulk-brush-and-leaf.html>

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