

# Tips for Proper Disposal of Leaves

As Fall sets in keep these tips in mind as you prepare to dispose of your fallen leaves.

## MULCH

Finely chopped leaves make for an excellent lawn fertilizer. Mulch leaves by running over them with your mower during the next cutting, and leave the remains on the lawn. You can also spread the mulch across flower and vegetable beds to help insulate your plants from winter weather.



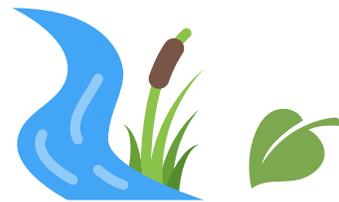
## COMPOST

Composting leaves is a great way to create nutrient-rich soil. In a mixed pile, create a 2-to-1 ratio of dead leaves to grass clippings. Spreading leaves over food scraps will absorb moisture and help contain odors as well. The Town operates a composting site, which accepts leaves, grass clippings, and brush. See the Town's website for details.



## PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

Avoid raking leaves into, or nearby, storm drains, ditches, creeks, or rivers. In addition to clogging the drains, decaying leaves use up the water's oxygen, harming aquatic inhabitants.



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