

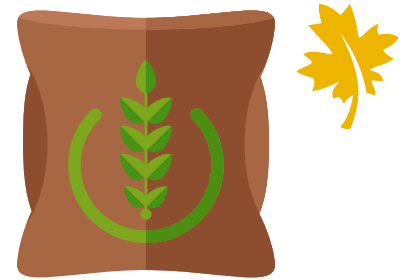


Tips for Proper Leaf Disposal

As the temperature drops and leaves continue to fall, keep these tips in mind as you prepare to dispose of your yard waste.

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.



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 soak up moisture and help contain odors as well.



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.

