

# Raking leaves this fall?



## Leaves don't belong in the street.

Streets are part of our stormwater drainage system. Leaves left along the curb can enter storm drains, increasing the risk of localized flooding and adding pollutants to the receiving streams and rivers. Street sweepers are unable to pick up large volumes of leaves.

Leaves, grass clippings and other yard trimmings should be composted or placed in City carts, cans, or compostable paper bags for Monday pick-up.



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# 3 easy ways to handle your yard trimmings:

## Mulch Mowing

- Mow it and leave it!
- Keep lawnmower's blade sharp.
- Mow when grass is dry.
- Raise blade height, remove only top 1/3 of grass blade for best lawn health.
- Clippings provide up to 25% of your fertilizer needs.

## Composting

- Place equal amounts of browns (leaves) and greens (grass) in a heap or bin.
- Always cover food scraps (no meats) with other composting materials.
- Turn occasionally.
- Cover pile with tarp to keep moisture in and prevent over soaking by rain.
- Keep moist as a wrung-out sponge.

## City Carts, Cans or Compostable Paper Bags

- Set out grass and leaves for Monday collection by 6 a.m. March through mid-December (weather permitting), excluding holidays.
- Plastic bags are not allowed for containment of grass and leaves.
- Give your trash can double duty! Use it for Monday yard trimmings pickup, then again for your regular trash later in the week.
- Wheeled carts are available from the City by calling 832-3032.
- Compostable paper bags are strong, easy to load, and available locally.

