

GREEN Growing: Leave Your Leaves!



Do you dread falling leaves? Are you spending a lot of money for weekly leaf blowing of your property? Is too much time being spent on raking and fall cleanup? Do you want to do something for the environment that requires little effort while also helping to reduce your carbon footprint? If you said yes to any of these questions, then fallen leaves are your best friend.

Here are some of the many free benefits we get from fallen leaves:

- **Savings.** Leaves are free and easy mulch, and leaves are a slow release fertilizer that enriches the soil.
- **Fertilize.** Mowing over leaves on the lawn will fertilize your lawn and improve the soil.
- **Protect.** Animals, salamanders, and beneficial insects need leaf litter for food and protection.
- **Save lives.** Many threatened pollinators use leaves to overwinter – throwing out leaves dooms them.
- **Quality of life.** Reduce air pollution and noise levels by eliminating the gas leaf blower.
- **Exercise.** Raking or sweeping lawn leaves into your gardens, woods or compost pile is great Covid-safe exercise.
- **Beauty.** Leaves in the landscape are beautiful and we are finally beginning to appreciate that new gardening aesthetic.

For more information on leaving your leaves and how to mulch leaves on your lawn click [here](#).

Wishing you a leaf filled, beautiful and safe autumn!

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