

HELPFUL LINKS AND NUMBERS



Mulching Leaves in Kingston
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Composting Landscape Waste in Kingston
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*Asks citizens of
Kingston to re-think
bagging their leaves
for curbside collection
this season*

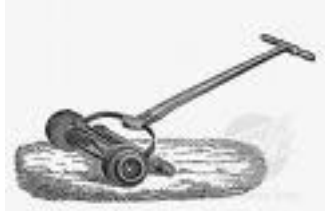
***“Leave It On The
Lawn, Kingston!”***



*Help Kingston help itself
with alternatives to
curbside leaf collection*

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WHY MULCH OR COMPOST LEAVES?



Mulching your leaves and composting all landscape waste in your yard provides many benefits.

* Standard municipal leaf collection is costly to both the city and the tax payer. Back yard composting takes a serious waste disposal problem and stops it at its source.

* Mulching leaves and composting landscape waste is a great green alternative to traditional curbside pick-up.

* Leaves contain 50-80% of the plant's nutrients from the season. The only 'waste' in leaf landscape 'waste' is in not using them as they were naturally intended.

* The organic mixture created by composting, known as "Black Gold", is prized for being fibrous while improving both the water infiltration and the moisture holding capacity of your soil.

* Leaves clog storm drains! Mulching can help to keep our storm drains clear.

Alternative #1: MOW IT & LEAVE IT ON THE LAWN

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Leaf mowing is the most efficient way to manage your leaves and takes half the time than traditional raking and bagging.

1. To get started all you need is a lawn mower. Many mowers have a mulching option that is perfect for this purpose, although it's not a requirement.
2. When you have a layer of leaves on your lawn, simply mow them into smaller pieces.
3. Repeat as necessary. Remember that smaller pieces will decompose more rapidly.
4. Leave the shredded leaves on your lawn for a chemical-free fertilizer that will give beautiful results the following spring.
5. Mulched leaves can also be raked up and placed in gardens or around trees and shrubs for stellar growth.

Alternative #2: COMPOSTING W/LEAVES

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There are a variety of composter styles and sizes to choose from, or you can make your own with ease.

1. Take your shredded leaves alone or with other landscape waste materials and place in your composter.

2. Remember to keep the pieces as small as possible and to keep your compost pile moist, not soggy.

3. For quicker results, turn the materials with a pitchfork occasionally.

4. Come spring time, the bottom of your compost pile will have a rich, dark soil that's perfect for all of your gardening needs.

Alternative #3: COMPOSTING W/LEAVES & FOOD SCRAPS

Adding appropriate kitchen waste will compliment your leaf composting.

1. Simply mix in materials such as straw, non-glossy paper, wood, bark chips, fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells and coffee grounds with your leaves.

2. **NEVER** add any animal products, oils or hazardous materials.

3. Turn the pile occasionally to aerate it.

4. The decomposition process can take anywhere from three months to a year.

Get started today and lend a hand to help Kingston help itself

