

# 10 reasons to

# KEEP THE LEAVES

*Easier than bagging or blowing leaves into the street, you can simply mow them in place using your lawn mower, or rake them onto flower beds and behind your shrubs—the piles will diminish fast and turn into quality soil.*

- 1 Returns nutrients to your lawn and garden beds—reduces need for fertilizers.
- 2 Helps soil retain moisture; absorbs rainwater run off.
- 3 No more need to purchase mulch in plastic bags.
- 4 Increases biological activity of worms and other organisms that are good for soil.
- 5 The leaves offer food and shelter for butterflies, beetles, bees & more.
- 6 Leaves in the street can clog storm drains.
- 7 Piles of leaves reduce the width of roads making it more dangerous to drive.
- 8 Reduces road wear and tear caused by heavy machinery used to pick up piles of leaves.
- 9 Your town would reduce the significant DPW staff overtime and composting fees.
- 10 Let's compost right here in our yards! And use the resources elsewhere to keep our towns clean & beautiful.



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