

# Environmental Health and Safety

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## Eco-Friendly Leaf Clean Up

As leaves fall off trees they start to create a problem. There are many ways to clean up leaves, although some are much more environmentally friendly than others. Instead of bagging up and tossing them in the trash, consider some of these options.



### Mulch

Leaves can be placed in a layer over flowerbeds and around trees to protect them from the cold winter months. They also provide nutrients.

### Compost

Leaves can be added to compost piles. Shredding them first helps speed up the decomposition process.

### Leave them

If you only have a few leaves on your lawn, you can leave them where they are. As they decompose they provide nutrients to your lawn.

### Curbside Pick up

Curbside collection is another option. For more information about Curbside Collection in Clark County visit:

### Quick Tips:

- ◆ Do not burn leaves, it pollutes the air and can pose a health and fire hazard.
- ◆ Avoid Plastic bags. These end up in landfills and take years to decompose.

For More information and ideas visit:

<http://www.metrovny.com/fallawngarden/green-ways-to-cleanup-leaves.php>



<http://www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/yard/>

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