

## Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!

Now that fall is here, your yard may be blanketed in beautifully colored leaves. What's the best thing to do with all those leaves? Check out the many great options below! What shouldn't you do? Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet or a stream. Why? This is both bad for water quality and is considered an illicit discharge and a violation of County Code. Discarding landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet can clog pipes and lead to flooding (even in your own yard). The decaying process of yard trim can also lead to depleted oxygen levels in our streams and water bodies.

### What are my options for leaves/grass clippings?

- ✓ Grasscycle/Mulch leaves and let them lie
- ✓ Compost in your backyard
- ✓ Participate in a Rake and Take Program
- ✓ Utilize curbside yard trim collection
- ✓ Drop-off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill WoodWaste Area



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