

... mowing leaves is better than raking them?

Mulching leaves instead of raking:

- improves the health of your soil *
 - supports microorganisms that live in the soil
 - helps insects and critters that live in the soil
 - returns nutrients to the soil
- saves you money on bags and synthetic fertilizers *
- eliminates the need of a noisy leaf blower
- reduces the need for city pickup / drop-off and disposal
- creates mulch for other areas of the garden
- saves time and effort, since mowing to mulch is quicker

** Please avoid mowing, or raking, or disturbing the leaves dropped under the trees. You will help to preserve the habitat of the caterpillars that young songbirds feed on.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1. Shred the leaves that fall on your lawn** as you mow.
- 2. If you get too much mulch, use some of it on your gardens, flower beds, or compost pile.
- 3. Put any leftovers out for collection.



* Also consider removing your mower's bag for good. Take advantage of those nutrient-rich clippings!