

Fall Yard Care

Here are some environmentally friendly tips for keeping your lawn and garden healthy this fall:

- 1) Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile, never in the street or stream!** You can shred yard waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden. Or, check with your municipality for yard waste collection opportunities.
- 2) Apply herbicides and fertilizers sparingly and never before it rains.** Try spot treating for weeds or, better yet, pull them by hand! If you have to use herbicides or fertilizers on your lawn, make sure to always follow the instructions and sweep up anything that falls on hard surfaces.
- 3) Add native plants to your yard.** Now through Thanksgiving can be the best time to put native plants in the ground. Many plants go dormant in the fall and winter and will not require much maintenance to survive until spring. Native plants aid in the infiltration of stormwater and provide important food and habitat for wildlife.

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