As the temperature drops and leaves continue to fall, keep these tips in mind as you prepare to dispose of your yard waste.

**MULCH**

Finely chopped leaves make for an excellent lawn fertilizer. Mulch leaves by running over them with your mower during the next cutting, and leave the remains on the lawn. You can also spread the mulch across flower and vegetable beds.

**COMPOST**

Composting leaves is a great way to create nutrient-rich soil. In a mixed pile, create a 2-to-1 ratio of dead leaves to grass clippings. Spreading leaves over food scraps will soak up moisture and help contain odors as well. The Town accepts leaves from Dover residents at the Transfer Station and hauls the leaves to an alternate site for composting.

**PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS**

Avoid raking leaves into, or nearby, storm drains, ditches, creeks, or rivers. In addition to clogging the drains, decaying leaves use up the water's oxygen, harming aquatic inhabitants.

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