

# 'Don't Bag It' Lawn Care Plan

When you keep fallen leaves and other yard waste in your landscape, you recycle valuable organic matter and nutrients back into the soil and save water - perfect timing as you begin to reduce your sprinkler run times for the year. Try these easy ways to recycle yard waste:

- Add leaves to your compost pile. Learn more about composting on the back of this insert!
- Rake shredded leaves into your landscape and garden beds as mulch. Mulch helps keep soil cool and damp and prevents weed growth.
- Use a mulching lawn mower. These mowers mulch leaves and grass clippings directly into your lawn.
- Remember, the City will not collect bagged leaves if set outside of your trash cart.

For more water-saving tips, visit [SqueezeEveryDrop.com](http://SqueezeEveryDrop.com)!



# COMPOSTING SAVES WATER

Want to reduce waste and improve your garden or flower bed soil? Consider composting!



- Compost is decayed organic matter that can be used to add valuable nutrients to soil.
- Compost can be made from kitchen scraps, lawn clippings, dried leaves, twigs, and even shredded paper.
- Once broken down, compost improves soil's capacity to hold water.
- Compost keeps your plants hydrated and fertilized, and reduces landfill waste.
- When starting a compost pile, layer green waste (like kitchen scraps) with brown materials (like yard waste). This ensures your compost will have carbon and nitrogen. Water and stir your pile occasionally to ensure material breakdown.
- Easy items to compost: egg shells, coffee grounds and filters, fruit peels, tea bags, & veggie scraps

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