



Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging,  
serving and reverencing God's creation



Fall has officially come to Haywood County and after a glorious season of color, the leaves are falling. Leaves are a wonderful ingredient for backyard composting and eliminate the chore of bagging leaves. Along with leaves, you can compost much of your kitchen waste.

Compost improves your soil and helps retain water. Use it in flower and vegetable gardens, around trees and shrubs, and on houseplants and lawns.

If you can't compost, the correct procedure for disposing of leaves depends on if you live in the county or the Town of Waynesville.

### **Town of Waynesville**

Leaf collection began this week for the Town of Waynesville residents. The best way of disposing of your leaves is to rake them to the curb to be “vacuumed” and taken to the Town of Waynesville composting facility. The Town of Waynesville will still accept bagged leaves placed curbside which may be necessary for people that have to transport leaves a long distance. If that is the case, consider using paper bags rather than plastic. Paper bags cost about the same as plastic ones. Make sure they are not plastic lined, so you are getting a compostable and more eco-friendly option.

### **Haywood County Residents**

Leaves (bagged or loose) are NOT accepted at any of the Haywood County convenience centers, commonly called dumps. The only place to take them is the White Oak Sanitary Landfill, 3898 Fines Creek Road. At the White Oak landfill, you are required to empty the bags you transported the leaves in (plastic AND paper), as no bags are acceptable at this landfill. Save your bags for next year! The White Oak Sanitary landfill is open from 7:30 – 3:30 pm daily except on Sunday.

The best thing to do is to feed your landscape, not the landfill.

For composting tips: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/backyard-composting-of-yard-garden-and-food-discards>