

# LEAF MULCHING: IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT ONE LEAF AT A TIME...

Shredding leaves with a lawnmower is an easy way to help the environment. Livingston annually collects 34,000 cubic yards of leaves in the fall. Those leaves are transported by trucks to the border of Pennsylvania. Hauling that volume of leaves is expensive and the trucks pollute the air. Shredding compresses the leaves. As a result, fewer trucks are needed to haul the leaves.

Furthermore, shredded leaves can serve as mulch by spreading them on garden soil. Organic mulch protects plants in the winter and in the summer and supplies nutrients to the soil when it decomposes. The simple and quick act of shredding reduces pollution and makes homemade mulch for the garden. By using our leaves as mulch, we can have a more economic and environmentally friendly approach to autumn.



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