

Would you like to support the environment by repurposing Fall leaves on your property?

You can mow your leaves! **Two ways to use the shredded leaves**

Feed your lawn

Columbia Association Watershed Manager John McCoy shares helpful tips on mulch mowing, a simple, effective way to manage leaf clean-up. This is also great for both your lawn and the environment. Check out John's short, thorough video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNmKLaK31LA>



Free mulch on garden beds

It is important **not** to leave a thick layer of leaves on the lawn since this would kill the grass. If there are piles of shredded leaves after mowing the lawn use them as mulch. The leaves will add organic matter to the soil and thus improve soil texture. Another benefit of using the shredded leaves is that they will add micronutrients to the soil.



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