

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION HOWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

RAKE AND TAKE PROGRAM

**Too many leaves for your compost bin?
Recycle them and divert them from the
Howard County Alpha Ridge Landfill**



The Howard County Master Gardeners Rake and Take Program matches:

Rakers: Residents who rake and bag their leaves with

Takers: Residents who want leaves **to compost/shred/use as mulch**

Volunteers who collect materials for use at four compost demonstration sites maintained by Howard County Master Gardeners

How the Program Works

- ◆ Rakers and Takers register with the University of Maryland Extension Howard County Master Gardeners annually and indicate the amount of leaves available or desired.
- ◆ The Rake and Take Coordinator, a Master Gardener volunteer, maintains a data base of Rakers and Takers who want to participate.
- ◆ The Coordinator makes connections by telephone or e-mail.
- ◆ Rakers bag leaves in 30-gallon bags with ties and place the bags at curbside.
 - Each bag should not exceed 20 pounds.
 - **Leaves cannot contain any herbicides or other chemical residue.**
 - Takers pick up the bags and use them either for compost or mulch.

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