



# Back Breaking? Stop Raking!

Leaf Mulching is great for your lawn, wallet, and your back!

Unlike whole leaves that can mat down grass, block air circulation and even breed disease, *shredded leaves* fall into gaps between grass blades and:



- Provide soil with much-needed winter nutrients.
- Control certain weeds like dandelions and crabgrass.
- Cut the need for polluting chemical fertilizers and weed controllers.
- Cut the cost of yard clean-up, bags, fertilizers, weed controllers, and purchasing mulch.
- Leaf mulch can even be bagged for use in your gardens.

## Tips for Leaf Mulching

- 1- Use a mulching mower or get a mulching blade attachment for your standard mower. Even a standard blade can be used but may require multiple passes.
- 2- Large pieces should be mowed over more than once to insure confetti size pieces that will fall between grass blades.
- 3- Use a leaf vacuum that chops leaves finely enough for use on lawns or gardens.
- 4- Mulch leaves in the fall so they do not stifle the grass below and will also feed the lawn throughout the winter.
- 5- If you use a landscaping service ask them to mulch instead of bagging leaves.
- 6- Use bag attachment on mower to collect excess for use in garden landscapes or to be added to a compost pile.



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