

# BE A CHAMPION FOR THE CLIMATE: TRY MULCHING OR COMPOSTING\*

## 2022 LEAF MANAGEMENT OPTIONS AND PREPARING FOR 2023

Access the resources listed below online at <https://bton.in/wr!Xl>



### MULCH AND COMPOST YOUR LEAVES



Recycling your leaves by mowing, mulching, and/or composting is the greenest way to manage your leaves. Not sure how to mulch or compost? No problem - **we can help!**

- **ACCESS OUR ONLINE CONTENT:** Featuring short videos & links to helpful articles from experts.
- **WATCH VIDEO TESTIMONIALS:** Hear stories of other people who made the switch to mulching and composting.
- **ATTEND AN IN-PERSON, 1-HOUR HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATION:** Access the schedule to find the demo nearest to you.
- **JOIN THE FACEBOOK COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO MULCHING AND COMPOSTING:** Ask a question, answer a question, and give & receive leaves.

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION



**GET 10 FREE YARD WASTE BAGS:** Starting on October 3rd, you can pick up 10 free yard waste bags from any of the hands-on in-person demonstrations or from any City of Bloomington fire station. You can use these bags, any other biodegradable bag, or your yard waste cart to store your leaves for composting, give them to a neighbor who wants them for their yard or garden, or set them out for collection on your yard waste day.



### CURBSIDE VACUUM PICKUP

2022 curbside vacuum pickup begins on November 14. For collection of your leaves by the vacuum truck in 2022:

- Position the leaves you want collected to the property edge as close to the curb as possible.
- Include **ONLY** leaves (no sticks or yard waste) in the pile to be vacuumed - anything other than leaves can clog and damage the equipment.
- Do not place your leaves in the roadway or on the sidewalk - they blow around, become slip hazards when wet, and can clog storm drains and cause flooding.
- Do not block drains or pile around fire hydrants.
- A few days before the vacuum trucks will be in your neighborhood, you will see yard signs near the entrance or exit of your neighborhood and you can access the interactive leaf pick-up map at <https://bton.in/wr!Xl>.

**LEAF MANAGEMENT IS CHANGING IN 2023:** Vacuum leaf collection is available in 2022, however the City will discontinue the service beginning next fall in 2023. As details are developed, updates will be posted online at <https://bton.in/wr!Xl>



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Many actions to combat climate change are easy, save money, create local jobs, and improve quality of life. As a community, Bloomington is committed to reducing community carbon emissions an additional 25% by 2030 with a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Help chart a path to Bloomington's zero carbon future. **Learn more at [zeroinbloomington.com](https://www.zeroinbloomington.com)**