

LEAVES; TO BURN OR NOT TO BURN

The nights are getting cooler, the days shorter, and soon it will be time to think about raking leaves.

Fast forward to October...all the leaves are on the ground. Now what?

Rake them into brown paper bags and place at the curb for regular trash pick-up?

Rake into a pile and burn them?

These are the easiest solutions, but not the best. Burning pollutes the air that we breathe now, and the air our children and grandchildren need for the future. Burning also risks catastrophes such as catching neighboring fields and homes on fire, of which you may be liable, and famous on the 6 o'clock news. It also exposes firefighters to with unnecessary hazards, as they may be injured or worse rushing to the scene of a fire that you caused.

The Environmental Advisory Board has better ideas!

1. Set up a compost pile on your property. This will generate free mulch and fertilizer.
To learn more about composting, visit <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>
2. Rake them into brown paper bags, or a tarp, sheet, or reusable plastic lawn bag, and take them to be composted to:

Hetrick Gardens
2620 Swamp Pike
Pottstown, PA
610-327-9066
Hours:
Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

There is no cost for New Hanover residents. Simply register for this free service, and sign in with each load. Be sure to take your plastic bags home with you. They will accept almost all small yard waste (with limitations). All contractors can use this service too, but will be charged a fee, regardless of their address and origin of waste.

Thank You,

The New Hanover Township Environmental Advisory Board