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HOWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

RAKE AND TAKE PROGRAM

Too many leaves for your compost bin? Recycle them and divert them from the Howard County 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.

For More Information

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