

Leaves & Grass Clippings (Yard Waste)

November and December - Westford Yard Waste Collections

Acme Waste Systems will be collecting leaves, grass clippings and pine needles, only, for a fee from Westford residents' homes on two Saturday dates in November and December. The cost is \$1.25 per paper leaf bag with a minimum charge of \$20.00 per pickup. To register for a pickup, please call the Westford Town Clerk's office at 978-692-5515.

Place your leaves, grass clippings and pine needles into brown paper leaf bags and have them at the curb by 7am on those days. Leaves will not be picked up if they are not in brown paper leaf bags. You pay Acme directly by attaching a check payable to Acme Waste Systems to one of your leaf bags on the collection day. There must be a minimum of 50 resident requests to insure the yard waste collection is held. Please tell your neighbors!

- Leaves may not be burned. Use mulching mower for light leaf cover that produces clippings that will decompose and fertilize the lawn.
- Use clippings and leaves as mulch around trees and shrubs. Leaves are nature's own choice for mulch. Many web sites offer tips on how to use clippings as mulch.
- Compost leaves and grass clippings. The resulting compost can be used to fertilize trees, shrubs and gardens. Discounted compost bins are available from a Recycling Commission member (978-692-5483).
- See the Mass DEP Composting page for more information; <http://www.mass.gov/dep>.
- Other options for Westford residents to take their leaves are listed below:

- Red Wagon Landscaping - 20 Oak Street, Chelmsford; 978-250-9866; www.redwagonlandscaping.com. Average fees are \$100-125 for curbside pickup, includes disposal.

- Jones Farm - 246 Acton Rd (Rt. 27), Chelmsford; 978-256-8065; www.jonesfarm.net. Call for current dump opening hours. Jones Farm is open year round for leaf drop off. Only accepts Jones Farm leaf bags at \$3 each that must be purchased at the Farm. Call for large quantity drop-off rates. Pick-up available.

- BMC Corporation - 1079 South St., Tewksbury (composting site); 781-273-0398 or 978-667-2171; www.tsoil.com (M-F 7am-4pm, Sat. 7am-noon). Plastic bags are not accepted but can be emptied; biodegradable bags can be left. Leaves and grass clippings drop-off charge is \$10/yard. Small brush is \$15/yard.