

Let the Solid Waste Division Compost for You!

Bring your leaves to the City of Jackson Rubbish Landfill where we compost and provide mulch free of charge to citizens.

Landfill Information:
6810 I-55 S. Frontage Road
Byram, MS 39272



Make sure leaves are intact and do not blow or wash into the streets near storm drains and inlets!



Report problems with clogged storm drains or inlets to the Bridges & Drainage at 601-960-1870.

The City of Jackson

The Department of Public Works
Solid Waste Division



Leaf Season

A Residential Guide to Leaf Season



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publicworks/solidwaste/](http://www.jacksonms.gov/government/publicworks/solidwaste/)

Harvey Johnson, Jr., Mayor

What to do with those falling leaves?



Limbs and Leaf Curbside Collection

1. Place the leaf bags/containers out by 7:a.m. on your regular trash day.
2. Leaves must be placed in a commercial plastic bag for collection.
3. Limbs must be no longer than 4 feet, piled no higher than 3 feet.
4. Neatly stacked to the curbside.
5. Limbs do not have to be tied up.
6. Limbs can be placed in trash container.
7. Make sure sewer inlets and drainage pipes are kept clear of leaves to avoid serious drainage or flooding problems.



Composting

Compost is the decomposition process of yard debris and or food waste. It allows individuals to recycle, reduce waste, and create beautiful gardens.

How to Build a Compost Bin



A backyard leaf compost area can be as simple as:

- An open pile built in a convenient spot on the ground;
- Wire or wooded fenced in area made from recycled pallets, two-by-fours, and plywood; or
- An elaborately built storage unit

Simple Steps to Composting

Leaves may be composted by placing them in a pile. Place the pile where drainage is suitable with no standing water. Your composting pile should be damp enough that when a sample taken from the interior is squeezed by hand a few drops of water will appear. Place pile in area where tree roots will not grow into pile and where excessive dryness will not eliminate composting process.

If your leaf pile is too small, it may not decompose as quickly. Ensure that your pile is at least 3 feet in height, but no taller than 5 feet. In addition, it should be 4 to 10 feet in diameter. It is not uncommon to have more than one pile. If there is space for only one pile, new material may be added gradually to the top while removing the decom-

How can I tell if my compost is ready for use?

Compost is ready when it is dark, crumbly, and broken down with an earthy soil-like smell to it.



What **NOT** to Compost!

1. Chemically-Treated Wood Products
2. Diseased Plants
3. Human Wastes
4. Meat, Bones, and Fatty Food Wastes

Consider Composting Too Much?

While cutting grass, leave fallen leaves on the ground. Shredded leaves will decompose and serves as mulch to promote grass health and growth.

