

3 Ways to Recycle Your Yard Waste

Have you ever considered recycling your own organic yard waste? It's not as challenging as it sounds, and you will save money while keeping your landscape beautiful and healthy – the way nature intended.

Still interested? Read on for 3 practical ways to recycle common yard waste and the benefits of each.

Mulch it.

What: Branches, brush, and leaves

How: If you don't own one, then borrow or rent a wood chipper to chip your branches, brush, and leaves into mulch. Cover exposed soil around trees and bushes with your freshly made mulch.

Why: Mulch is great for soil as it helps it retain water and prevents weeds from growing.

Leave it.

What: Grass

How: Simply mow your lawn and leave the grass clippings on top of the lawn.

Why: Grass clippings act as a natural fertilizer, adding nutrients and moisture to your lawn.

One season of grasscycling is the equivalent of applying one application of fertilizer.

Compost it.

What: Leaves, branches, grass clippings, and garden waste

How: If you're adventurous and patient, give composting a try! You need browns (fall leaves, chipped branches) and greens (grass clippings, garden waste). Mix twice as many browns as greens. Put them in a 3'x3'x3' pile. Wait up to a year for it to break down into compost. **Why:** Compost when added to soil improves drainage, adds nutrients, and even fights off some plant diseases.

Give one or all a try to reap the benefits of recycling your own yard waste!

