

Do not Burn Leaves...



...Compost and Mulch Instead!

It is illegal to burn leaves under the federal Clean Air Act and the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act. It is very damaging to air quality and studies show a connection between high levels of particulate pollution, released from smoke, with chronic coughs and respiratory illness.

Composting is easy! All you need is a 4X4X4 foot area out of direct sunlight and three parts leaves to three parts greens, such as grass clippings. Materials should feel moist, and warm to touch (except in winter months). The pile should be turned every few weeks so the outside layers are exchanged in the center of the pile. It is ready to be used when it looks dark and crumbly and none of the starting ingredients are visible.



For more details on how to compost refer to: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/facts/compost.htm>