



Waukesha COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND LAND USE

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TO: Waukesha County Residents
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SUBJECT: *TURN OVER A NEW LEAF* - Yard Debris Management Program



Waukesha County Recycling & Solid Waste Office has implemented a home yard debris management program called “Turn Over a New Leaf” for the past several years. The program emphasizes homeowners’ options in handling their own yard debris, which will save tax dollars, improve air quality, and in the case of composting, provide a soil amendment that adds nutrients and increases water retention.

The program features these educational approaches:

- **A bookmark**, which lists the benefits of yard debris management on one side and the options for handling different materials on the other side, is available at public libraries and municipal offices throughout the county
- **A display banner** with similar information is available for exhibit in public areas
- **Updated pages on website** – visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling and see the “Yard Waste And Composting” page under “Programs” (on the left). See the “Mulching Leaves in Place” page for the benefits of letting mowed, autumn leaves lie on your lawn
- **Demonstration sites** near the Retzer Nature Center and the Florence Eble Garden at Eble Park Ice Arena. The Retzer Nature Center has different composting bin types displayed, and the Eble Garden has an open house on June 3, 2006. Call for the time
- **A video and flyer**, in cooperation with The Wisconsin Be SMART coalition. See www.besmart.org, and click on “Yard Waste Information” on the left sidebar

To reserve the display, order bookmarks, or if you have questions, please call 896-8309.