

“Rake it or Leave it!”

Fall is quickly approaching and most of us will begin the task of leaf removal from our lawns. Here are some quick solutions for how to dispose of your yard full of leaves:

Rake it! Never rake leaves into or near storm drains, ditches, creeks or the river. Decaying leaves use up the water’s oxygen, harming stream inhabitants. Take your leaves to the Perry Township Road Garage through November where they will be turned into mulch. Contact Perry Township or check the Perry Village website for more information.

Leave it! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are the best fertilizer for your lawn.

Or, Rake it and Leave it! Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring.

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For more information, contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at 440-350-5900.