

There's No Such Thing as Yard *"Waste!"*



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What Do We Consider To Be Yard "Waste?"





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What's Wasted in Nature?







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How Do We Eliminate Yard "Waste?"







What About Weeds?









Annual and Perennial Garden "Waste?"









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Grass Clippings







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Tree Leaves







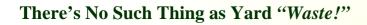


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Understand How Large Plants Grow











Summary

- Taking cues from nature can help us reduce, and possibly even eliminate the removal of yard "*waste*" from our lawns, landscapes and gardens.
- Consider options for keeping chipped brush on your property.
- Prevent weed infestations.
- Dig spent annuals and vegetables into the soil, i.e., "sheet composting"
- Shred spent perennials and ornamental grasses, then cover with a thin layer of mulch, or not.
- Mowing properly should eliminate the need to ever collect grass clippings.
- Tree leaves aren't <u>"trash"</u> research has shown conclusively that mowing <u>feet</u> of leaves into your lawn every fall can lead to a more vigorous lawn over time!
- Understand how large trees and shrubs can grow before adding them to your landscape.

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