

# 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?”



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# What About Weeds?



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# 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



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# 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 “*trash*” – research has shown conclusively that mowing *feet* 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.