

## Hermitage Recycling Yard & Leaf Waste

**Please don't rake leaves into the street, ditches or streams.**

**Why not?** Large amounts of leaves and yard waste clog storm drainage pipes and basins and require more City Maintenance to keep these systems working properly. They can cause flooding when they cause systems to back up or overflow. Excess leaves also increase phosphorus and other nutrient loads in streams and rivers, which greatly damages water quality leading to fish kills, algae blooms and other problems. Leaves are best handled by using City yard waste collection, composting them yourself, or using a mulching mower and leaving



them on the turf. **GREEN LID** yard waste carts or **BIODEGRADABLE BAGS** may be placed at the curb on a weekly basis on your regular collection day.

**Acceptable yard waste includes:** leaves, grass clippings, plants & flowers, roots, sawdust, shrubbery & pruning, branches, tree limbs under 4" diameter, brush up to 4' length.

