



How to Clean Up Leaves Faster

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Your yard needs to be raked, blown, or mulched, bagged, and composted with all those fallen leaves. But how can you best deal with the carpet of autumnal hues that has been spread across your grass, sidewalk, driveway, and even your roof?

There are actually only a few ways you can remove leaves from your property. Raking, blowing, and mulching are among the most popular.

You can clean up leaves faster by using the correct tools, wearing proper safety gear, and checking the weather beforehand. If you try to rake after a heavy rain, the leaves will be heavy and hard to move. If you leaves wet leaves on your lawn, you're inviting mold and other diseases to take over.



Wear tennis shoes or boots with traction to prevent falls. Leaves can become slippery, especially if they're damp. Wearing protective gloves will keep your hands from blistering and help you move more quickly. Wear a hat if it's cold and sunglasses if you need to. The more comfortable you are, the faster you will work.

Why Should I Clean Up Fallen Leaves?

It is necessary to clean up fallen leaves, as if those leaves are left on your lawn, they will prevent sunlight from getting to the grass, which can cause diseases like snow mold.

When you keep up with regular, full service lawn care, it is easy to nip any lawn care problems in the bud. This includes anything from bare spots in your lawn to pests and diseases.

Raking

Leaf raking is back-straining work, but it will remove those leaves from your yard along with twigs, grass clippings, and anything else. Pick a rake with an ergonomic grip and a lightweight design to make raking easier. The strain on your shoulders and back will increase if your leaf rake is uncomfortable to hold and use, making leaf removal more difficult than it has to be. Ensure that the leaf rake has a wide end. You may gather more leaves with each sweep if your rake is wider.

Blowing

Blowing leaves through a leaf blower is arguably the quickest and one of the best ways to get rid of leaves. Generally, leaf blowers are easy to use but extremely noisy in most cases. It is always recommended to use it only in the afternoon or very late morning to avoid annoying your neighbors by waking them up on a Saturday morning.

Start out by blowing the leaves into a pile. Eventually you will have to get out your rake to facilitate the removal part, but using a blower will substantially lessen your work time.

Mulching Lawn Mower

If you have a mulching lawn mower, fall is the best time to unhook it. It's not necessary to remove all of the leaves from your lawn before you mow. In fact, mowing over the leaves can produce an organic mulch that is nutrient-rich and gives your lawn natural fertilization during the fall and winter.

To make good mulch, you should chop your leaves into bits about the size of a penny. You're done when there is around half an inch of grass visible above the mulched layer of leaves. Take care to do this before there are too many leaves. An excess amount will cause heavy thatch to build-up.