

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

FALL WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

Most fall leaves and pumpkins end up in the landfill, where they break down and produce methane gas. Reduce your waste this fall with some simple tips:

Skip the Rake and Leave the Leaves

Most leaves that are bagged and thrown out end up destined for the landfill. This year, mow your leaves in place and leave them in your yard or spread over your garden as natural insulation for your plants during the winter. Leaves are also a great carbon source for compost piles and are accepted by [Scraps residential compost pickup program](#).

Don't Toss Your Pumpkins in the Trash

Once your jack-o'-lanterns and decorative porch pumpkins start to break down, avoid sending them to the landfill by throwing them in a compost pile instead (non-painted pumpkins only please!). Don't have composting? Consider leaving it outside or taking it to a wooded area to feed wildlife.

Fall Cleanup Resources

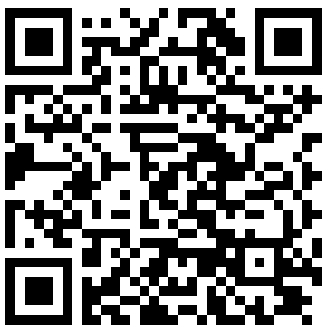
- Consult [Edgewater Green Resource Sheet](#) for where to take hard-to-recycle items so they can be reused and disposed of responsibly
- Businesses like [The Happy Beetle](#), [Ridwell](#), and [TerraCycle](#) can help you reduce your single-use waste this fall and all year round!

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Avoiding Food Waste & Composting 101

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»» SUSTAINABILITY BOARD UPDATES

- The Sustainability Board met on October 24th to discuss 2024 Programming and sustainability category updates.
- The next Sustainability Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 28**

For Sustainability Board meeting information, agendas, minutes, and more, visit www.EdgewaterCO.gov/living-here/Sustainability.