# Here's what to do with your **yardful** of leaves...

Rake it or

leave it!

### Rake it!

Follow the guidelines in your community for curb-side pick-up. If you're asked to put leaves in the street, wait until just before collection day. Never rake them into or near storm drains, ditches, creeks or the river. Decaying leaves use up the water's oxygen, harming aquatic inhabitants.

### Leave it!

Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are the best fertilizer for your lawn.

#### Or ... rake it and leave it!

Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring. Rake it...or leave it. It's that easy.

For more information on how you can protect our water resources, contact the Huron River Watershed Council at 734-769-5123 x 17 or go to www.hrwc.org.

## Small actions make a BIG difference.



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