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MULCH LEAVES IN PLACE

Use a mulching

lawnmower to grind up leaves that fall on your lawn. Mulching them in place returns nutrients to the soil providing a source of organic fertilizer to your lawn.



RAKE LEAVES FROM THE STREET BEFORE IT RAINS

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