



The Leaves Are Turning – Fall's Here

After a hot and humid summer, we are finally seeing a change in the weather. The leaves are changing colors. Before long they drop to the ground, giving all of us a chance to rake them, bag them, and set them out for regular trash pick-up.

The Truth About Leaves

If your asking yourself “Why rake them, when the wind will carry them away?” think about these answers provided by lawn and gardening experts:

- **Blocking essential resources:** Grass needs sunlight, air, and water to grow properly. A thick layer of leaves can act as a physical barrier, preventing these resources from reaching the grass blades and the soil beneath, suffocating the lawn.
- **Creating a favorable environment for diseases:** Moisture can become trapped under a deep layer of leaves, creating a damp environment that is ideal for the growth and spread of lawn diseases like various molds and fungal infections.
- **Attracting pests:** Leaf piles can become a breeding ground or shelter for various pests, including insects, slugs, snails, and rodents, potentially causing further damage to the lawn or even becoming a nuisance around your home.
- **Thatch buildup:** Decomposing leaves contribute to the buildup of thatch, a layer of organic material that can accumulate on the soil surface. Excessive thatch can hinder air and water penetration, and create an ideal environment for diseases and pests.



If you don't have time, or don't like to rake leaves, find a service that will do it for you. Or better yet, ask a neighbor for a referral to their lawn service



How To Prepare For The Winter – Tips From “This Old House”

The host of “This Old House” has some great suggestions about when and what to do to prepare your lawn and landscape for the fall and winter. Whether you have newly sodded lawns or one you put a lot of effort into throughout the year, check out this advice. He offers a DIY plan, or get advice from your lawn service and make sure they can protect your lawn and landscape.



- **Start prep in mid-fall** to allow your grass to get more established in this growing season of the year. As winter nears, mow low. Use the 1 and a half or 1 inch setting. Next step consider aeration. Add extra nutrients. Fertilize. Depending on your lawn, consider overseeding. And of course, rake and water.

What About These Door Hangers?

If you received a Park Hollow HOA Keep Our Neighborhood Beautiful door tag you might have some questions. These “need improvement” notices are a way to ask you to take action on a specific item we noticed when walking through the neighborhood. This isn’t a violation formal notice, but our way of reminding you of some of our HOA guidelines. Please make that improvement within a two week period.

After you receive one door tag and we notice the same issue, again during our monthly walk-arounds, you will receive a violation letter, asking you to take action. If a third violation occurs, you could face a fine until the issue is resolved.



As always, we want to hear from you if you have questions, or a circumstance that prevents you from taking care of the area we have asked you to improve. We are here to help.

For full guidelines, visit www.parkhollowhoa.com



Yard of the Month Winners

Jul – 412 Paint Rock Court
Jared and Lisa



Aug – 409 E. Whitner
Lloyd Leach



Sept - 1003 Summerbrook Dr
Chi & Hai Nguyen



Yard of the Month winners return after the fall and winter months. Look for Spring winners in beginning in April.

Neighborhood's Best – Your Vendor Choices

We know many of you have relationships with local vendors and companies. We'd like to hear from you about who you think are the best at lawn and pest care, HVAC maintenance and repairs, handyman services, tree trimming and removal, and even housecleaning, vent clearing, pressure and window washing. Email us at (add email) for your best picks.

Holiday Decorations Yearly Contest

The holidays are a wonderful time and our neighborhood loves to decorate. For the Fall and Halloween time, we will be walking around deciding on winners by October 31st. During Christmas, when your lights are shining bright, we will make select winners on December 25th. **We can't wait to see what you come up with this year!**



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