

## TOWN OF OGDEN LEAF PICKUP INFO

For the last few years, the Town of Ogden has tried to get information regarding brush and leaf pickup out to the residents via the Suburban Newspaper (Westside News) and the Town's web-site. ([www.ogdenny.com](http://www.ogdenny.com))

We recently received a letter from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation encouraging the composting of all leaves. The letter further states that we cannot keep filling our landfills with bagged leaves. Not only is it a violation for some landfills to accept yard waste, but bagged leaves also take up valuable space in the landfills that is needed for waste that has no other recycling options.

Only leaves bagged in **biodegradable** bags can be composted along with our brush. Plastic bags CANNOT be composted. Once leaves and brush are picked up the Town grinds them and makes it available (at no cost) to our residents in the form of mulch.

We also encourage individuals to compost on their own property if they can. The process is fairly simple. By turning the pile a few times per year and adding water if the weather is extremely dry, the natural, organic material will decompose in approximately 1 to 2 years. For further composting information you can check out the state's web-site at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8799.html>

The Town will continue to pickup leaves that are bagged in **biodegradable** bags only. The Town also hopes to have a designated drop-off area for leaves in the future.

For further brush and leaf pickup information and rules please check out our web-site or stop into the Highways office for an informational flyer.