

## Options for Leaf Composting or Removal in Pine Plains

To protect air quality, the State of New York no longer allows leaf burning. However, several options remain for 2010.

### Private, local businesses which vacuum and compost leaves:

Carl Baden	(cell) 914-388-5178	\$20 for 20 minutes
Bays Landscaping	398-7564	\$20 for 20 minutes
Doug Weaver	398-7361	\$20 for 20 minutes

### Composting on private property:

A mulching mower; shredding leaves in a trashcan with weed whacker (please don't forget eye protection). Compost bins and compost piles Pine Plains may offer a workshop on backyard composting, if there is interest.

### Composting in Pine Plains:

The town board may start leaf composting at the old Hoffman Road dump, *if* there is interest. That would require bringing leaves in *compost-able* bags. *Milan no longer allows Pine Plains residents to dispose of leaves in Milan.*

### Other Options:

The Town Board has looked into other ideas that would necessitate higher taxes. Most *towns* in our area do not collect leaves; many *villages* do. Since Pine Plains is not a village with a separate tax base, curbside leaf pick up would have to be offered to the entire town. Vacuum systems range from \$17,000 to \$35,000. The cost of trucks and Town labor goes above that. These options could not be considered without strong citizen support.

### Please let your Town Board know:

*If you would like the old Hoffman Road dump opened for leaf composting.*

*If you would like a workshop (at Town Hall) on composting.*

*If you would like us to consider other leaf disposal options.*

*If you would like Pine Plains to have a transfer station/recycling center.*