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.