



CITY OF GAHANNA

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Tips for Managing Fallen Leaves

Many of us look forward to the crisp days and bright display of autumn leaves in Gahanna. Once those leaves fall, however, homeowners must decide how best to dispose of them in an environmentally responsible way. Here are some suggestions:



Mulch leaves with a mower, rather than raking them. Mulching leaves with a lawn mower allows for faster decomposition by microbes and worms. This process recycles nutrients and organic matter back into the soil which improves tree and plant health.



Keep leaves out of the street and away from storm drain inlets. Leaves left in the street get carried by wind and rain to the nearest storm drains. Storm drains lead directly to streams and ultimately, lakes. Too many leaves in streams are bad for water quality. As leaves decay, nutrients that feed algae leach into the water. This reduces oxygen in the streams and lakes and can lead to fish kills and algae blooms. In addition, leaves clog storm drains and can cause street flooding.



If you live along a ravine or stream, do not dump your leaves over the edge. The leaf piles will form thick mats that will not decompose over the winter. The vegetation under the leaves will then die, leading to erosion of the stream bank or ravine. Erosion leads to water quality problems and loss of property as the bank slides, slumps or becomes undercut by high water. Disposing leaves in this way may also violate anti-dumping laws.



Dispose of leaves in a responsible manner. Proper disposal of leaves is through the City's yard waste collection service that occurs every Monday. Leaves should be bagged in a paper bag or bin marked as "Yard Waste" and placed curbside prior to 6 am. The weight of contained leaves cannot exceed 50 pounds. Yard waste may also be dropped off in the yard waste dumpsters located behind the City Service Complex at 152 Oklahoma Ave. Access to the dumpsters is available Mon-Fri from 7am to 3pm from Lincoln Circle (by the Post Office).

For more information on yard waste disposal, visit Gahanna's website at www.gahanna.gov.

Save the Date!

GAHANNA SHREDDING & E-RECYCLING EVENT

EARTH DAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017



How Recycling DOESN'T Work

These items are NOT accepted for recycling:



⊘ PLASTIC BAGS



⊘ METAL PARTS



⊘ CLOTHING



⊘ TANGLERS



WHY?

Rumpke collects recyclables and sorts them at a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Some items damage machines and preventing proper sorting.

1 TANGLERS, CLOTHING & METAL PARTS jam in spinning discs, preventing them from sorting recyclables.

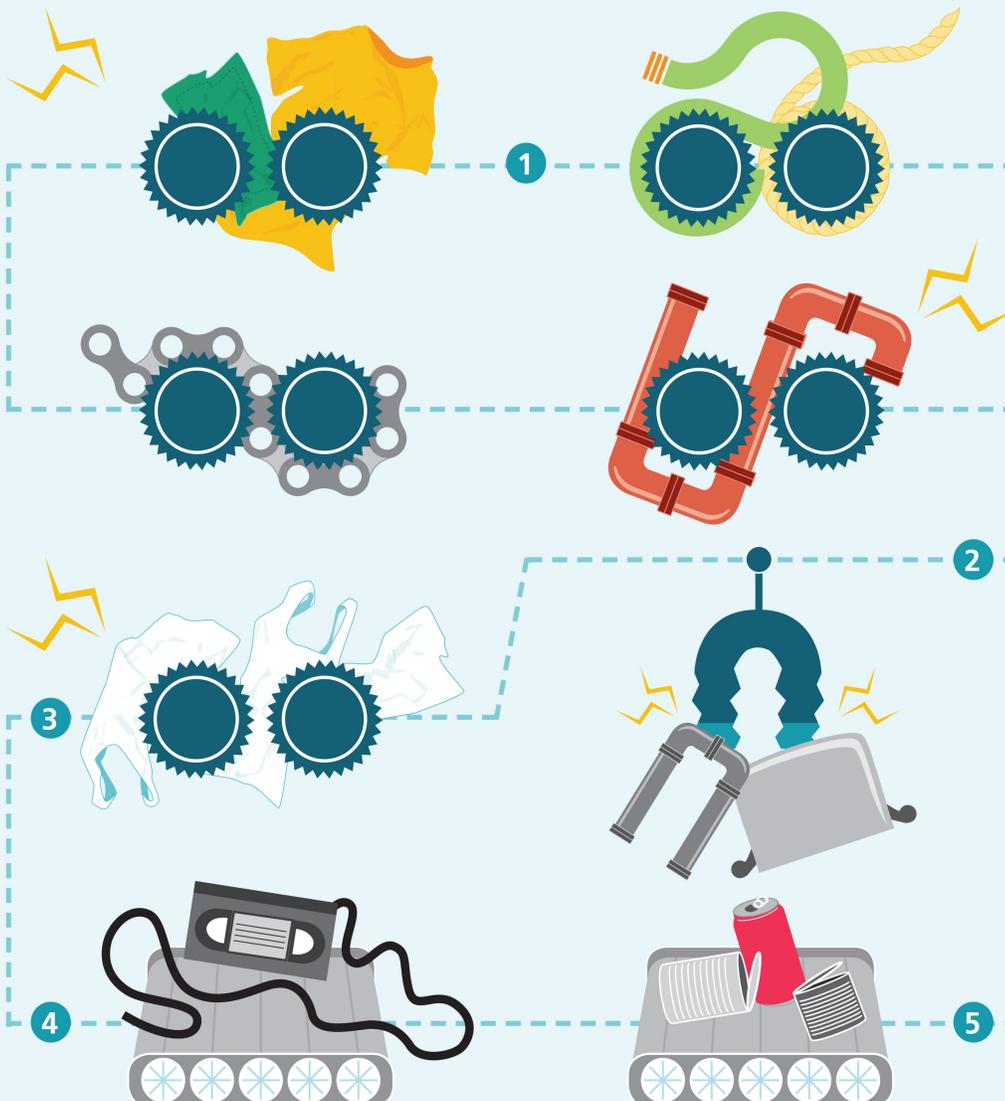
2 METAL PARTS get stuck on overhead magnets, leaving metal cans on the belt

3 PLASTIC BAGS wad up in spinning discs, preventing them from sorting recyclables.

4 VHS TAPES string across belts and can damage gears, which often require repair.

5 METAL PARTS get stuck on overhead magnets, leaving metal cans on the belt.

View the full graphic and learn about recycling at www.rumpke.com



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