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Update: Brush and Leaf Collection Guidelines

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Please be aware of a change in Ferguson Township's Brush and Leaf Collection Guidelines: While not required, for a period of time, the Township tried collecting ornamental grass and garden residue. Due to equipment, operational, and manpower constraints, we are no longer accepting ornamental grasses, garden residue, weeds, and landscape plants and materials for collection with brush and leaves. Residents will need to make other arrangements for ornamental grasses and garden residue. For a small fee, you may transport and drop off ornamental grasses and garden waste at the Glenn O. Hawbaker Recycle Center-State College at 2145 N. Atherton St. Visit its website.

Gardening experts also recommend composting ornamental grasses and decaying perennials in your backyard, or leaving them undisturbed until spring so that hibernating wildlife among them will have winter homes. These may include insects, frogs, toads, or a chrysalis. When you leave your perennial plants uncut during the winter months, snow will cover and help insulate their roots, adding moisture to the soil. You'll also draw birds, perhaps even a hawk, to your garden for a winter meal of seeds from your perennial plants.

Another excellent resource is the Penn State Master Gardeners' page devoted to the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden at Tom Tudek Memorial Park.

You can learn more plants and gardening at the College of Agricultural Sciences Penn State Extension website.

The Township soon will begin a series of web news posts about backyard composting and organics recycling resources. We will also make them available at a central location on our website.

See more information by visiting the Township website www.twp.ferguson.pa.us.