



*City of Rye
Conservation Commission
Advisory Council*

The mission of the City of Rye Conservation Commission/Advisory Council (CC/AC) is to manage the City's conservation facilities and programs. Toward this end, it undertakes the following activities:

- Assists in the administration of environmental regulatory activities.*
- Provides environmental reviews and natural resources inventories, retaining professional consultants when necessary*
- Provides public services for and coordinates citizen involvement in local and regional environmental issues.*



What to do with those fall leaves?



**An informational brochure provided by the
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What is wrong with dumping my leaves into Blind Brook?

✿ It is illegal to dump your yard waste into Blind Brook.

✿ Excess debris, like leaves, in Blind Brook causes many problems:

- Increases flooding due to the filling of Blind Brook.
- Costly dredging to repair shallow conditions.
- Depletes oxygen for plants and animals causing fish kills.
- Attachment sites and shelter areas for plants and animals become covered.
- Many animals and plants are covered with so much debris that they die.

✿ Blind brook flows directly into Long Island Sound. The way we treat Blind Brook directly affects Long Island Sound and it's valuable inhabitants.



Act responsibly and lawfully. Help prevent flooding and preserve Blind Brook.



✿ Leaves, grass clippings and yard waste can be composted or must be bagged and set at curbside for collection on your recycling day.

✿ Leaves must be bagged separately from grass clippings and other yard waste and they must be separated at curbside. Autumn leaves are picked up between October 10 and December 15. Call for your regular neighborhood's autumn leaf collection schedule at 967-4264.

✿ Branches not exceeding four inches in diameter must be tied into bundles and placed at curbside for collection on your recycling day.

✿ Demand that your gardener follow the City of Rye laws and demand that they do not dump your lawn waste into Blind Brook.

✿ For more information call:
Department of Public Works: 967-7464
City Naturalist 967-7412

