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**To:** Clerk's Department  
**Subject:** Request to stop leaf collection this fall

**CAUTION:** External sender.

Dear Mayor and Trustees:

I would like to ask you to vote to stop leaf collection in Scarsdale for this fall.

Benefits to the Village:

- 1) Significant saving of more than \$500,000.
- 2) DPW resources can be used for other important infrastructure and repair tasks.

Benefits to the stakeholder:

- 1) Mulching provides free water ,and fertilizer, allowing lawns to be beautifully maintained with resulting cost savings .
- 2) Residents will contribute to an environmentally friendly Scarsdale.
- 3) Significant Scarsdale budget savings.

There will be pushback from some residents as always but they represent a small percentage of the 5300 homes. One cannot please every stakeholder but this is for the greater good and the environment.

Our neighboring towns have done this years ago. There was initial pushback but after the first year it was not even discussed or complained about. It was just accepted.

Landscapers will naturally for the most part complain but many of them work in adjoining towns where leaf collection was stopped and they just do just fine in those venues. Hence their arguments should be dismissed without merit.

They also threaten to increase their fees, but competition is one of the benefits of capitalism and that too will go away.

Let's use this unique opportunity in time to correct an environmental wrong and stop leaf collection this fall.

Sincerely yours,

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