


THE PAPER YARD WASTE BAG.

The whole, degrading story.

The City of Toronto is now collecting yard waste in kraft paper bags. (Sorry, no more plastic). These bags are biodegradable, so they break down along with the yard waste, creating compost in the process. Better yet, put your leaves and twigs in rigid open containers, such as bushel baskets, or an extra garbage can. And bundle your brush.

You can buy kraft paper yard waste bags at hardware and grocery stores or garden centres.

For composting tips, or for a bin, call the Composting Helpline at 416-392-4689. 



1. Fill the bag with leaves and other yard waste, close it up and bring it to the curb for pick-up. Pour yourself a glass of lemonade and relax.



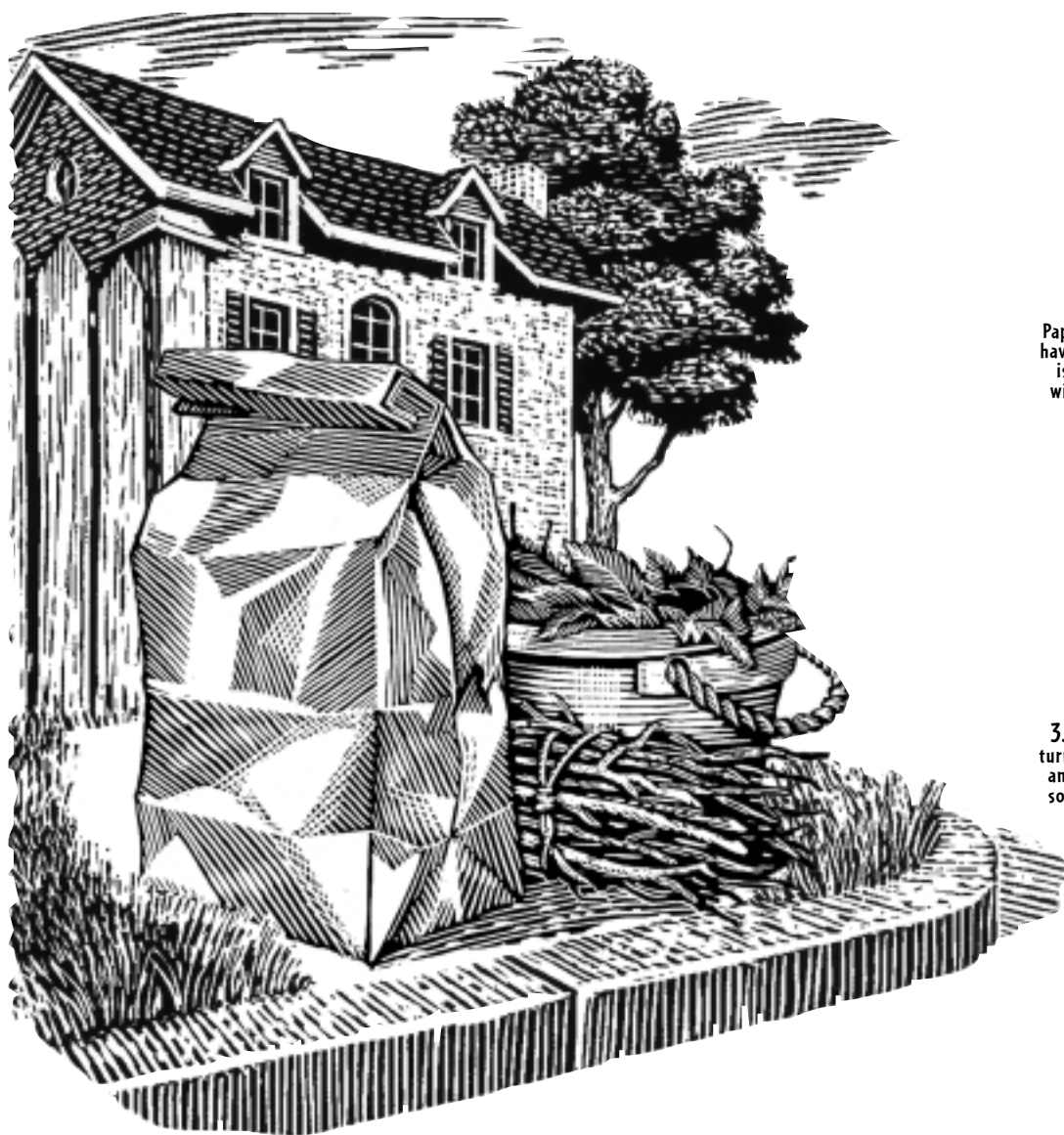
2. The bag's taken to a composting site. Paper's biodegradable, so the contents don't have to be separated from the bag. Yard waste is first shredded and then left outdoors in windrows, long rows of leaf and yard waste. Leaves go directly to the windrows.



3. About 6 months later, the materials have turned into compost, rich with plant nutrients, and microbes and organic fibre for healthier soil. Unlike chemical fertilizers, compost has a built-in time release mechanism.



4. This compost is distributed free of charge at sites across Toronto during the summer. Pick some up and begin the process all over again.



We no longer pick up grass clippings. Instead, leave them on your lawn, use them for mulch around trees, in your garden or put them in your composter.

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