

## **READY FOR WINTER GARDENING?**

Did you know that the blooming gardens and lush yards of spring depend on proper care given during fall and winter? One of the best ways to prepare your soil for spring is by adding rich, organic compost before the ground freezes. The Southold Town Compost Facility on Cox Lane in Cutchogue has an abundance of aged leaf compost ready for use. Application now will add organic nutrients that will be stored in the soil until spring, when it will be available for immediate use by new or established plants and grass as soon as the weather turns. Also, soils prepared in this manner retain moisture better and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers which, as we now know, pose a threat to our ground and surface waters. So, for healthy spring plants, why not go to the compost site and pick up some leaf compost or mulch for your gardens and lawns, or your indoor potted plants as well? (Remember, Southold residents are entitled to 500 lbs/person per year FREE! Questions? Call 734-7685).