

# Make An Autumn Tree

Draw a tree with empty branches on a large piece of butcher paper, and set it aside to be used later. Distribute the leaves collected from your Spring Valley visit, then give each student a piece of white paper and a crayon. Have students place their leaf under the paper and rub over it with the side of the crayon, then cut out the leaf rubbing. Use the Tree ID Sheet to find out what types of leaves the children collected.

Lay the tree drawing on the floor or hang it from the chalkboard. Let the students tape or glue their rubbings to one of its empty branches. When all the children have attached their rubbings, the tree will be full of autumn leaves. Hang your autumn tree in the classroom.

## Leaf Rubbings

Give each student one of the leaves that was collected at Spring Valley, a piece of paper, and a crayon. Have the students place the leaf under the paper and rub over it with the side of the crayon.

Next have the students bring in another leaf and make a new leaf rubbing. How do these leaves compare to those from Spring Valley?

Use the leaf ID sheet to figure out what types of leaves the children have collected.