

Elmer Says...

Even trees need to rest!

Deciduous trees (like me!) lose their leaves in the fall to prepare for the winter. After a busy summer, deciduous trees need to take a break!



When it begins to get cooler in the fall and the sun doesn't stay out as long, you may notice leaves turning from green to yellow, orange, brown, red, and purple. The trees are getting ready to take a break for the winter and rest!



Since deciduous trees work so hard all summer, they begin to shut down in the fall. They grow a thin layer of cells over the water tubes in the leaves to shut out water.



With no water, the leaves then stop producing green chlorophyll. This is when the leaves begin to change colors!



Once the leaves lose all of their moisture, they begin to fall from the tree. Now the trees are ready for a restful winter!

