

FALL YARDCARE TIPS

TO PROTECT OUR WATERS



REDUCE

POLLUTION

Raking leaves prevents pollution by keeping them out of storm drains, which carry leaves directly to local lakes and rivers. These decomposing leaves contain excessive nutrients that can harm water quality, clog storm drains, and lead to flooding.

Reducing your lawn area means less leaves to rake! Build a small rain garden instead and help reduce pollution from runoff or plant native trees that soak up rainwater and absorb CO₂.



REUSE

FERTILIZER

Extra nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus are great for lawn fertilizer! Instead of bagging leaves, you can mulch them into small pieces using a lawnmower and spread them across your yard.



RECYCLE

COMPOST

Don't want to spend time bagging leaves or spreading them across your lawn? Backyard composting of organic waste creates natural soil additives for use on lawns and gardens, and can be used as potting soil for house plants.



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