





Leaf-free Streets

For Clean Waters

Did you know that leaves left in the street every fall can harm our waters?

When it rains water runs through street leaves forming a “leaf tea” rich in phosphorus that drains to our lakes and rivers through storm sewers. Phosphorus can fuel toxic algae blooms harmful to animals and people.

-  More than 50% of the annual amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater can come from leaves in the street.
-  In the fall, timely removal of street leaf litter can reduce the amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater by 80% compared to no leaf removal.

Communities across Dane County are working hard to protect our waters, but they can't do it alone.

*Join us in keeping streets
leaf-free this fall.*

 See reverse to learn how. 

It's easy! Before the rain...



1. Safely remove leaves from the street in front of your home.

2. Follow your community's leaf collection guidelines or recycle leaves on your property.

Sign up for **Leaf-free Streets** **Rain Alerts** this fall!

Alerts will be sent (via text or email) 1-2 days before a rain event reminding you when it's time to remove street leaves.

Learn more and sign up at
www.ripple-effects.com



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