

1. Keep your leaves out of the street.
2. Read the helpful tips on this flyer.
3. Post the sign on the opposite side to show your love for our lakes.

## SPRING

- If you don't already have one, set up a compost bin.
- Install a rain barrel or two.
- Only apply fertilizer if a soil test shows you need it and only after Memorial Day.
- If you use pre-emergent weed control, use one without fertilizer.
- Use finished leaf compost on your gardens and flower beds.



## SUMMER

- Appreciate that keeping leaves out of the street last fall helps keep your lakes and streams healthy this summer. Nice work!
- Keep grass clippings out of the street gutter.
- Avoid pesticides and get a workout by removing weeds by hand.



## FALL

- Skip municipal leaf pick-up and compost leaves for next year.
- If you opt for municipal collection, be sure to keep your leaves out of the street.
- Consider leaves an asset and not waste—chop them up when you mow and leave them as fertilizer on your turf or put them around trees & shrubs.
- Put leaves from your roof gutters in your compost bin.
- If a soil test shows you need fertilizer, this is the best time to apply it.

## WINTER

- Limit use of de-icers. These chemicals are hard on your lawns, concrete, and lakes.
- Start planning your gardens and the steps you'll take to protect the lakes.
- Visit the myfairlakes booth at Garden Expo for more ideas and tips.



Go to [myfairlakes.com](http://myfairlakes.com) for more ideas to help the lakes  
and order a full-size *Love Your Lakes Don't Leaf Them* yard sign!