

Leaf-free Streets *For Clean Waters*

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



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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.



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