

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 for more ideas to help the lakes
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