

Fight Water Pollution in the streets near your home!

Community Clean ups for Water Quality are local projects that can significantly reduce phosphorus flowing into our local lakes, rivers and streams, by removing leaves and yard debris from city streets and boulevards.

What: Rake, sweep or shovel leaves, dirt and organic debris that is in, around or close to curbs and streets. Bag it and then take them to your city or county compost site. For every bag of organic debris you collect and keep out of storm drains, you are **preventing 100 lbs of algae** from forming in our waters.

Why: Phosphorus is a major source of water pollution. Impervious surface, such as driveways, city streets and parking lots provide a pathway for phosphorus to get into local lakes, rivers and streams. Phosphorus on streets comes from decaying organic matter such as leaves, braches and loose dirt. Water monitoring tells us that there are two peak periods for the introduction of phosphorus from city streets into local waters – spring and fall. So October and November are perfect times to clean up your streets and help prevent algae blooms!



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