



Leave the Street Clean

As beautiful as the fall leaves are, they are a lot of yard work for homeowners. One option for reducing your workload is to use a mulching lawn mower to mulch leaves in your yard. It is less time-consuming than raking, and the shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer during the fall.

While tending to your yard, please take a moment to sweep or rake leaves, grass, and branches out of the street in front of your house. If left in the street, leaves may clog storm drains, contributing to localized flooding. When washed into nearby lakes, rivers, and streams via storm drains or ditches, the leaves become a major source of phosphorus. Phosphorus is the nutrient that allows algae to bloom in the summer. Please dispose of leaves by composting them into your yard, bringing them to a compost facility, or bagging them for curbside pick-up (if you have that service). Keep leaves and yard waste out of the regular garbage, and never dump them in the wetlands or buffer areas – it's illegal.