CLEAN WATER
BEGINS WITH YOU

BE A LEAF HERO

KEEP FALLEN LEAVES OUT OF STREETS

Do not blow or rake leaves, grass clippings, brush, and tree branches into the street. These will leach nutrients into stormwater runoff and contribute to pollution in our waters. Leaf litter can also plug storm drains and increase flooding issues. Instead, mulch or compost yard waste away from streams or other waterways, or dispose at your local landfill.

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

It's the toxic mix of bacteria, chemicals, metals, nutrients and other contaminants that washes over pavement and other impervious surfaces and flows down storm drains to our waterways.

HELP KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN

For more tips and information, visit: westminster-ma.gov/stormwater-management

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TIP #1

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TIP #2

CLEAR STORM DRAINS OF DEBRIS.
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TIP #3

DON'T DUMP IN DITCHES OR STREAMS.
Decaying leaf litter releases excess nutrients causing eutrophication and algal blooms.

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TIP #4

COMPOST LEAVES & YARD CLIPPINGS.
Reduce added chemicals in your yard and garden by creating a natural fertilizer with composted leaves.

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