

CLEAN WATER  
BEGINS WITH YOU



## KEEP FALLEN LEAVES OUT OF STREETS

Leaves raked or blown into streets will leach nutrients into stormwater runoff and contribute to pollution in our local waterways. Leaf litter can also plug storm drains and increase flooding issues.

Better options:

- Mulch leaves in place with your lawnmower to put valuable nutrients back into the soil
- Gather leaves and other “yard waste” into a compost pile and let overwinter and decompose for use as fertilizer next growing season
- Dispose of your leaves locally.  
Find out where at: :

[www.thinkblueconnecticutriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Muni-disposal-resources-Leaves-updated-10-16-24-smaller.pdf](http://www.thinkblueconnecticutriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Muni-disposal-resources-Leaves-updated-10-16-24-smaller.pdf)



# BE A LEAF HERO

### What is Stormwater Pollution?

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

For more tips and information visit:

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