

# FALL STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



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Stormwater doesn't soak into hard surfaces like pavement or rooftops. Instead, it flows into storm drains and streams, picking up leaves, fertilizers, trash and other pollutants along the way. You can help to reduce stormwater pollution this fall by following the tips below!

## FALL STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Manage Fall Leaves Naturally:** Mulch leaves into your lawn to return vital nutrients to the soil, rake them into garden beds or compost them for spring gardening.
- **Add a Rain Garden or Buffer:** Plant native species along low spots in your yard. These plants help to slow down rainwater, reduce flooding and trap pollutants before they reach waterways.
- **Keep Storm Drains Clear:** Check storm drains near your home and remove any leaves, litter or debris. Clogged drains cause localized flooding, which carries more pollutants downstream.
- **Pick Up After Pets:** Always collect and properly dispose of pet waste, even in the backyard. Pet waste contains bacteria and nutrients that can contribute to unsafe water conditions.

## SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!



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