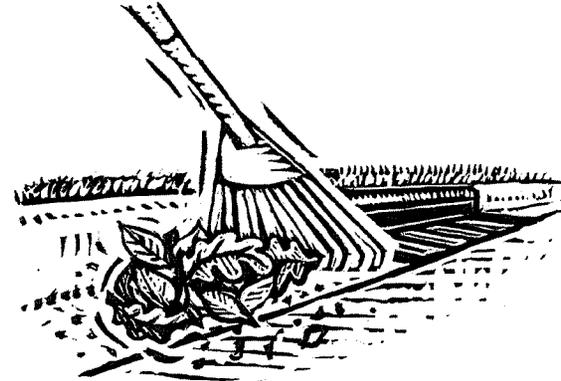


RAKE TO SAVE A LAKE – OR A RIVER!

Tree leaves contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turn lakes and rivers green with algae. This fall, protect our water by:

- Rake or sweep leaves from your street and storm drains.
- Compost leaves and grass clippings on location or at a community yard waste collection site.
- Never dispose leaves in wetlands or water.
- Keep the street clean of other materials that contain phosphorus, such as grass clippings and eroded soil.



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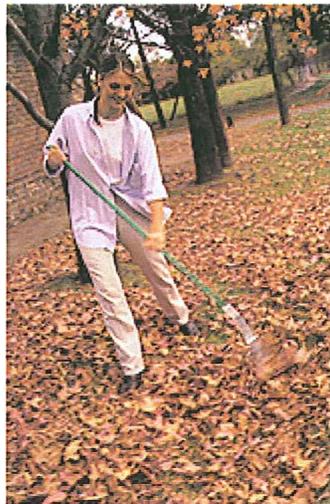
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Water resource managers have long noticed increases in phosphorous runoff from city neighborhoods during the fall – the suspected source being tree leaves falling into the street.

Streets connect to lakes, rivers and wetlands through storm sewer systems. As phosphorus is lost from leaves, rain water carries it into our waters where it spurs excessive algae growth.

Keep our water clear! Rake and sweep your street clean of leaves. Compost leaves and grass clipping on location, or at a community yard waste collection site. Clean streets mean clean water!

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