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DID YOU KNOW?

The fall leaves may be beautiful, but they can cause water quality problems in our lakes and ponds.

Las hojas de otoño pueden ser hermosas, pero pueden causar problemas de calidad del agua en nuestros lagos y estanques.



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Storm drains carry runoff water to local lakes and rivers. Whatever washes off your yard and street can pollute these waters. This includes lawn fertilizer, grass clippings, pet waste, and tree leaves and seeds. It might seem strange to think of leaves as a pollutant, but they contain large amounts of phosphorus, the plant nutrient that turns lakes and rivers green with algae. When lots of leaves fall onto paved surfaces and get washed down the storm drain, it can send a lot of phosphorus straight to our lakes and ponds.

Here are some things you do to help keep our waters clean:

- Sweep, rake, and pick up leaves and debris before it enters storm drains. Keeping drains clear helps prevent streets from flooding and keeps our waters cleaner.
- Alternatively, break up leaf litter by mowing/mulching to help it decompose quickly in place. Leaves might be bad for lakes, but they're an all-natural fertilizer for your lawn!
- Minimize or eliminate synthetic fertilizer and herbicide usage.
- Do not dump yard waste near or into wetlands, ponds, or storm drains.

 **Questions? Contact the water resources engineer at moddsson@richfieldmn.gov or 612-861-9797.**

Aquí hay algunas cosas que haces para ayudar a mantener nuestras aguas limpias:

- Barra, rastrille y recoja hojas y escombros antes de que entren en los desagües pluviales. Mantener los desagües limpios ayuda a evitar que las calles se inunden y mantiene nuestras aguas más limpias.
- Alternativamente, se deshaga la hojarasca por medio de cortar/cubrir con mantillo para ayudar a que se descomponga rápidamente en su lugar. Las hojas pueden ser malas para los lagos, ¡pero son un fertilizante totalmente natural para tu césped!
- Minimice o elimine el uso de fertilizantes sintéticos y herbicidas.
- No vierta los desechos del patio cerca o en humedales, estanques o desagües pluviales.

 **¿Alguna pregunta? Póngase en contacto con el ingeniero de recursos hídricos en moddsson@richfieldmn.gov o 612-861-9797.**