

How to Properly Get Rid of Fallen Leaves & Yard Waste

Leaves and yard waste **CLOG** storm drains which can cause **FLOODING** and can also be a significant source of stormwater **POLLUTION**.

Leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from your lawn that end up in our **STREETS, SIDEWALKS,** and **STORM DRAINS** will eventually make their way into local **STREAMS, PONDS,** and **LAKES** which can cause serious water quality issues like **ALGAE BLOOMS**.

Properly dispose of yard waste by:

- *Mulching into lawns with your mower*
- *Bag for curbside pick-up*
- *Use in compost piles*

Never:

- *Blow into the street*
- *Dump into wetlands or waterbodies*
- *Rake into drainage ditches*
- *Put into regular trash containers*
- *Burn*



However you get rid of leaves and yard waste, make sure you **KEEP THEM OUT OF THE STORM DRAIN**

For more information on Yard Waste Collection visit the Westford Recycling Commission webpage at:

<https://westfordma.gov/recycling>