



# STORMWATER

DIVISION



## ***PLEASE DO NOT RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES AND DEBRIS INTO THE STREET***

Did you know that raking/blowing leaf litter and other yard debris into the street or storm sewer violates city ordinance and may result in fines of up to \$500?

### **Why this is an issue**

Storm sewers are drainage systems that direct untreated rain water from the city to natural water bodies (lakes, streams, etc.). Yard debris can clog storm sewers and cause flooding problems. Also, high concentrations of particulate organic carbon and other nutrients found in yard debris can alter in the biological composition of natural water bodies.

### **What you can do**

Do not rake leaves and other yard debris into the street. Place yard debris in bags and bundle branches less than three feet in length. Place branches and bags near the street, and Sanitation will pick them up within two weeks. You may also take yard debris to the city's compost facility on Davidson Drive off of Shady Grove Road, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proper disposal of yard debris will help keep your neighborhood looking clean, the storm sewers clear, and the lakes and streams healthy.

**For more information or to report a violation, please contact:**  
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