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Community Clean-Up for Water Quality Planned for April 10

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One of the best ways to reduce pollution in our lakes, rivers and streams caused by excess phosphorus, sediment and nutrients, is to remove decaying organic matter (leaves, sand, etc.) from city streets and parking lots before it has a chance to wash down city storm sewers. Citizens in the community of Dodger will have the opportunity to clean up their communities this spring and help reduce pollutants in local water bodies. Excess phosphorus feeds the growth of algae that degrades water quality and diminishes oxygen for fish and native plants.

Citizens are being asked to clean up the stretch of street and boulevard in front of their homes, bag the debris, record the bags and take them to the compost site. [or simply leave curbside for pick up by volunteers on the Pick-Up Day scheduled.]

[Please note, this is not a garbage or unwanted items pickup; if left, those items will not be picked up. It is strictly for leaves and dirt that are in or near the curb area.]

Beginning this week, door hangers and flyers will be distributed in participating communities to let residents know how they can help and explain more about how and why the project is being done. Volunteers are needed for distribution of door hangers prior to the event. Call 218-763-XXXX to volunteer.

This program is sponsored by United Methodist Church with support from Hardware Hank and Al's Grocery.

Community Clean-Ups for Water Quality is a statewide program of the Freshwater Society and Friends of the Minnesota Valley.

Note: If you are not conducting a residential pickup, omit the sentences in brackets [].