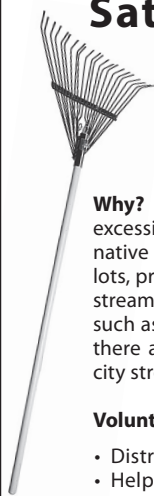


ANYTOWN

Community Clean-Up Day for Water Quality *Fight Water Pollution Near Your Home* **Sat., April 12 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**



Needed? Citizens to rake, sweep or shovel leaves, dirt and organic debris around or close to curbs and streets by their home. Bag it, record the number of filled bags and take them to the compost site or leave by your curb by 9:00 a.m. for pick up on April 12.

Why? Phosphorus is a major source of water pollution that causes excessive growth of algae and depletes oxygen needed for fish and native plants. Impervious surfaces, such as city streets and parking lots, provide a pathway for phosphorus to get to local lakes, rivers and streams. Phosphorus on streets comes from decaying organic matter such as leaves, branches and loose dirt. Water monitoring tells us that there are two peak periods for the introduction of phosphorus from city streets into local waters – spring and fall.

Volunteers needed to:

- Distribute door hangers prior to April 12
- Help clean-up public places on April 12
- Bring pickups and trailers to assist crew

To volunteer call: 507-359-XXXX or 507-237-XXXX

Project Sponsors: Lake Ida Committee, Al's Meat Market and Jerry's Home Quality Foods.

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