

Community clean-up day planned here April 12

To improve water quality in area lakes and streams, leaves and yard debris from streets and boulevards will be cleaned up during a Community Clean-Up for Water Quality Day planned for (Town) on (Day/Date).

Citizens are asked to rake, sweep and bag the street and boulevard in front of their house, record the number of filled bags and take them to the compost site.

Organizers of the community clean-up are also planning to rake, sweep or shovel leaves, dirt and organic debris on city streets and boulevards adjacent to public places, such as parks, community centers, etc. The debris will be bagged and hauled to the compost site.

Phosphorus is a major source of water pollution according to Cherie Wagner, Freshwater Society.

She explained that city streets and parking lots provide a pathway for phosphorus to get into the water. Phosphorus on streets comes from decaying organic matter such as leaves, branches and loose dirt.

According to Scott Sparlin, Friends of the Minnesota Valley, water monitoring tells us that spring and fall are the peak periods for the introduction of phosphorus from city streets into local waters.

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, call: XXX-XXX-XXXX or XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sponsors and coordinators of this clean-up project include Lake Forever Committee, Clean River Assessment, Smith Meat Market and Jerry's Home Foods.

Program support from the Freshwater Society and Friends of the Minnesota Valley.