

Community Clean-Ups for Water Quality



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Fight water pollution in the streets near your home.

Community Clean-Ups for Water Quality are local projects that can significantly reduce the phosphorus flowing into our local lakes, rivers and streams, by removing leaves and yard debris from city streets.

What: Rake, sweep or shovel leaves, dirt and organic debris that is in, around or close to curbs and streets. Bag it, record the number of bags, then take them to the compost site by the Community Clean-Up Day listed below or simply leave near the curb for pick up.

Why: Phosphorus is a major source of water pollution. Impervious surfaces, such as driveways, city streets and parking lots provide a pathway for phosphorus to get into 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 are needed to:

- distribute door hangers and reporting cards prior to Clean-Up Day
- pick up bags and help with clean up during the event and
- provide pickups and trailers to help crew.

Date: _____

Sponsors: _____

Bags on boulevard by: _____

To volunteer or for more information, call _____