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### Fight Water Pollution in the Streets Near Your Home

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#### Please help—You can do your part—it's easy.

**HOW:** Rake/sweep decaying leaves, branches and dirt from the curbs, streets and boulevards in front of your home.

**WHEN:** Immediately after the leaves fall, before the street sweeper comes and before rain washes it away into your lake, river or stream.

**WHY:** Leaves and other organic materials contain phosphorus that causes excessive algae growth and oxygen depletion. By raking and bagging leaves and debris in and near our streets, we can reduce the phosphorus pollution in our lakes, rivers and streams.

**WHAT TO DO:** Bag it, and take it to the compost site or save them for a Community Clean-Ups for Water Quality pickup day if an event is planned for your city.

Please mail this card back to us so we can give you credit for your work. Please tell us how many bags of debris you collected:

bags of debris

You can also enter this information online at [www.freshwater.org](http://www.freshwater.org) Community Clean-Ups for Water Quality. Find your community and record your information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



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#### Want to do more?

Here's what you can do to reduce phosphorus pollution in your neighborhood year-round:

- Remember that your street is a tributary to your local lake or river. It is unlawful to put anything on the street that you cannot put in the water.
- Rake and sweep street curbs BEFORE spring rains wash debris into sewers.
- Growing cities don't always have the budget, staff, or equipment to collect street debris in a timely manner. Keep organic debris (leaves, grass, branches, dirt) off the street in front of your house. Sweep up after wind storms.
- Always mow away from the street.
- Scoop the poop! Pet waste adds nutrients and bacteria to our waters.
- Sweep fertilizers off sidewalks and driveways and dispose of properly.
- Rake fall leaves before rainfall or before the first snowfall.
- Use sand or rock grit on icy sidewalks in winter instead of salt which enhances phosphorus pollution problems in lakes.

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