

Love Your Lakes
& Rivers
Don't Leaf Them



Keep leaves out of the street.

Show your
Love For Our
Lakes & Rivers

**Stormwater is
more
than just
water** Dirt, leaves, grease, & trash get washed into storm drains that carry these pollutants to the nearest lake or river.

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8 Great Things You Can Do

1. Use Your Leaves

Don't rake leaves to the street: compost them, rake them around your trees, or use a lawn mower to mulch them into your lawn. The leaves will provide nutrients to the soil as they break down.



2. Keep Gutters Clean

Keep all yard waste out of the street. Clean gutters can prevent localized flooding and prevents nutrients from getting into our lakes.



3. Test Your Soil

Most lawns don't require additional phosphorus, unless you are trying to establish a new lawn. Dane County bans phosphorus fertilizers unless a recent soil test indicates it is needed.



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4. Care for Your Car

Maintain your car: get leaks fixed & recycle batteries. Take used oil to a collection site. Wash your car on the lawn, not the driveway. Remember: anything that goes down a storm drain ends up in our lakes.



5. Direct Your Downspouts

Build a rain garden in your yard or install a rain barrel to capture stormwater before it leaves your property. Rain gardens infiltrate water, and rain barrels hold it for later use in your gardens.



6. Pick Up After Pets

Bury or double-bag pet waste. Don't put it in gardens or compost bins.



7. Prevent Erosion

Bare soil easily washes into the storm sewer. Seed & mulch bare spots in your yard as soon as possible. Cover piles of soil with a tarp until ready to use.



8. Get Salt Smart

Shovel first. Use salt sparingly. Read label for application rates and environmental impacts.

