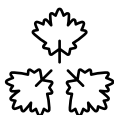


3 Tips For Stormwater Friendly Fall Yard Maintenance



Leaves and other yard waste accumulate in the fall. This can be beneficial to plants and wildlife, however, they can cause stormwater backups and drainage issues. Here are three tips for fall yard maintenance.

1. Leave the leaves.



Mulch your grass clippings and leaves back into the lawn with your mower. This returns nutrients back into your lawn, reducing the need for fertilizer and cleanup.

2. Stack sticks and stems.



As you collect fallen sticks and branches, keep a pile somewhere in your yard. This will allow it to decompose and create valuable habitat for wildlife. You can also use it as firewood, if permitted.

3. Clear drains and ditches.



Drainage ditches, culverts, and stormdrains can also become blocked by leaves and other yard waste. You can avoid stormwater backups and drainage issues by keeping these clear.

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