

“Fall Leaf Clean-Up”

After all that hard work on your yard this summer, it's time for fall clean-up! What are you planning on doing with all those grass clippings, branches, huge piles of leaves, and other yard waste? Follow these simple steps to keep Lake Erie and your local waterways healthy. Never sweep or blow yard wastes into the storm drains or dump leaves and grass on the banks of a nearby stream! Anything that goes into a storm sewer or stream will wash directly to Lake Erie. Excess leaves and grass can deplete the water's oxygen and harm aquatic life. Try composting, using a mulching mower, or take advantage of your community's yard waste collection day. For more information on other stormwater topics, contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at 350-5900 or www.lakecountyohio.gov/smd.