

# RAKING LEAVES THIS FALL?



***Leaves don't belong  
in the street.***

Streets are part of our stormwater collection system. Leaves left along the curb are unable to be picked up by street sweepers and can enter storm drains, increasing the risk of localized flooding and adding pollutants to the receiving streams and rivers.

Check out the back of this card to find ways you can save our stormwater system and properly handle your leaves and lawn trimmings.



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# **FOUR EASY WAYS TO HANDLE YOUR LEAVES & LAWN TRIMMINGS**

## ***MULCH MOW YOUR LEAVES***

- Mow over the leaves on your lawn
- Mow when leaves and grass are dry
- Keep lawn mower blades sharp
- Leaves and grass clippings provide nutrients to your lawn

## ***COMPOST FACILITY DROP-OFF***

- Drop off yard waste on Saturdays at the City Compost Facility
- Visit [lawrenceks.gov/swm/compost-facility](http://lawrenceks.gov/swm/compost-facility) for hours and information

## ***HOME COMPOSTING***

- Place equal amounts of browns (leaves) and greens (grass) in a heap or bin
- Always cover food scraps (no meats) with other composting materials
- Turn the compost pile occassioally
- Keep the compost moist (similar to a wrung-out sponge)

## ***WEEKLY YARD WASTE COLLECTION***

- Place yard waste in compostable paper bags or brown City yard waste cart for composting at the City's Compost Facility
- Yard waste carts are available to purchase at [lawrenceks.gov/swm/yardwastecarts](http://lawrenceks.gov/swm/yardwastecarts)
- Set out grass and leaves for collection by 6 a.m. on your regularly-scheduled collection day
- Do not place yard waste in plastic bags, green or blue City-issued carts or in personal cans/carts.

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