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TIPS to Cleaner Water ...Leaf It Out!

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Mulch your lawn or garden

Shred leaves using your lawn mower and leave them on your lawn! This protective coverage can mitigate soil erosion, suppress weeds, and insulate perennials in your garden.

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Put leaves in a compost pile

You can also put those shredded leaves and in a compost pile. Capture the extra nutrients and use them as a natural fertilizer for your garden.

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Bag your leaves

Check with your municipality to see if your neighborhood services will accept bagged leaves. If not, try to keep leaves out of the street until pick up time.

Leaves contribute phosphorus and other nutrients to stormwater that drains to lakes & rivers. One result of this pollution can be algae blooms that are harmful to humans and wildlife!

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