

THINK OF WATER WHILE RAKING THIS FALL

The Fall season is almost here, which means the city of Grayson's landscapes will soon be covered with leaves. Leaves may seem harmless, but a large accumulation can lead to water pollution if not disposed of properly. As residents, you can help prevent this problem by managing your yard waste with water quality in mind.

Leaves can easily find their way into our local rivers and streams via storm drains and can cause environmental harm. Decomposing leaves also add to the nutrient level of the water which is harmful for aquatic life in our local water bodies. Another problem with leaves is that they can lead to a clog in a storm drain pipe, leading to localized flooding in your yard or on a roadway.

Here are some tips to help you deal with your leaves this Fall:

- Use fallen leaves as a mulch in your tree islands
- Don't rake or blow leaves into the curb & gutter or a storm drain
- Rake leaves away from a storm drain if possible
- Compost your fallen leaves

Composting the leaves will create excellent soil amendment that will improve water retention and help save you on fertilizer costs, while protecting water quality!

Residents within city limits have FREE yard debris pick-up with their trash and recycle pick-up. They can pick up as many as 15 lawn debris bags per week on a normal day of service, which is typically Thursday.

Grayson partners with Gwinnett Water Resources to protect our stormwater system. To learn more about preventing stormwater pollution, visit www.gwinnettstormwater.com.

To report an illicit discharge, call 678.376.7000.

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