



# WaterSMART

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## Help Keep Storm Drains Clean - Adopt a Storm Drain Near You!

Fall leaves raked or blown into the street can get into storm drains and cause flooding and affect water quality. Deteriorating leaves add phosphorus to our water bodies which can pollute our local waters. A good alternative is to rake your leaves into gardens, flower beds, and out of the way areas so that small animals, bees, and butterflies can use them to overwinter. Then in late spring you can compost them, or use them for natural fertilizer or mulch. Please adopt a storm drain near you and help keep it clear of debris. For more tips on how to keep storm drains clean, go to [www.nsrwa.org/get-watersmart/stormwater/](http://www.nsrwa.org/get-watersmart/stormwater/)