

Fall Yard Care

Here are some environmentally friendly tips for keeping your lawn and garden healthy this fall:

- 1) Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile, never in the street or stream!** You can shred yard waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden. Or, check with your municipality for yard waste collection opportunities.
- 2) Apply herbicides and fertilizers sparingly and never before it rains.** Try spot treating for weeds or, better yet, pull them by hand! If you have to use herbicides or fertilizers on your lawn, make sure to always follow the instructions and sweep up anything that falls on hard surfaces.
- 3) Add native plants to your yard.** Now through Thanksgiving can be the best time to put native plants in the ground. Many plants go dormant in the fall and winter and will not require much maintenance to survive until spring. Native plants aid in the infiltration of stormwater and provide important food and habitat for wildlife.

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Winter Water Conservation

Tips for protecting our local
streams and creeks this winter

- 1) **Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas.** This will allow the snow to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Never dump into streets or waterways.
- 2) **Use de-icing chemicals and salts sparingly.** Focus on making your walkways and driveways safe, but try to avoid overusing or spreading in vegetated areas or near waterways. Sweep up any extra salt left over before it runs into storm drains.
- 3) **Shovel as soon as possible after a snowstorm.** As a result, less ice will form and you won't need to use as much salt or de-icer.
- 4) **Plant native, salt tolerant species near paved areas.** Not only will these species be able to survive despite the salt, they will also reduce stormwater runoff.

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