

# Leaf-free Streets

## *For Clean Waters*

Did you know that leaves left in the street every fall can harm Alum Creek?

- Autumn leaves quickly decompose, and rain washes the natural fertilizers out of them. When this happens in a forest or on your lawn, they are recycled into the soil and trapped there helping plants grow in the spring.
- But when leaves, grass clippings or other organic materials are dumped near streams or creeks, nutrients go right into our water, feeding algae and bacteria while depriving fish of oxygen.

*Communities across Franklin County are working hard to protect our waters, but they can't do it alone.*

*Join us in keeping streets leaf-free this fall.*

↶ See reverse to learn how. ↷

# It's easy! Before the rain...



- 1) Safety first! Be visible and cautious.
- 2) Rake leaves to the back of the curb but not in the street.
- 3) If possible, please avoid placing leaf piles near mailboxes, trees, lights, or signs.
- 4) Leaves will be collected daily as the city will deploy one crew in north, central and south Bexley.
- 5) Please keep leaves out of storm water sewers and stream banks.
- 6) Leaves can also be collected during scheduled yard waste collection dates if they are placed in paper yard waste bags or in a container marked "yard waste".

## Be Part of **Leaf-free** **Streets This Fall**



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