

# Clean water begins with you. Let's Think Blue.



Leaf litter pollutes local waterbodies by releasing excess nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorous, and causes the growth of invasive plants and large amounts of algae. In turn, this can deplete oxygen levels and cause fish kills. Leaf litter can also clog storm drains, increasing the risk of flooding.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Quinsigamond Community College is in the Blackstone River Watershed. Stormwater runoff from campus can carry harmful pollutants to nearby water bodies. Everyone can be a part of the solution!**

Learn more about QCC Stormwater Management at [www.qcc.edu/stormwater](http://www.qcc.edu/stormwater)

The City of Worcester offers fall leaf collection service to its residents. You can find the leaf pickup schedule by visiting [WorcesterMA.gov](http://WorcesterMA.gov), the DPW&P Facebook page, or by calling 311.

### Do not:

- Blow or rake leaves into the street.
- Keep leaves on impermeable surfaces, like the sidewalk or your driveway.
- Dispose of leaves in local waterbodies.
- Block catch basins when placing bags for curbside pick-up.

### Keep waterbodies safe by:

- Bagging leaves for curbside pick-up.
- Mixing leaves into your compost pile to create natural fertilizer.
- Mowing over your leaves to create mulch to use in your yard.
- Disposing of leaves at your local landfill or yard waste disposal site.



Learn more at [www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org](http://www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org)