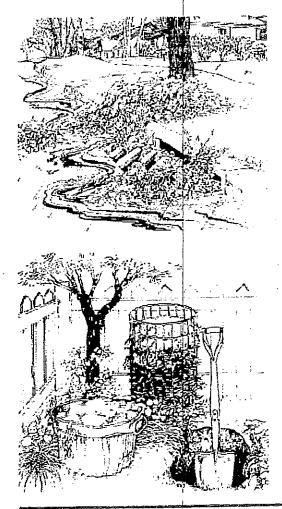
## Stormwater Pollution and Yard Waste

## Tips for stormwater management on your property

## DID YOU KNOW:

- \*Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. This debris can clog culverts, storm drains, and pipes, causing flooding.
- \*Debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides from your yard and deposit them in streams and ponds.
- Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion.

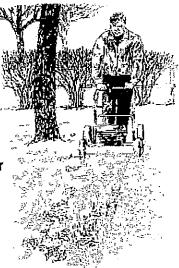
It is easy to do your part to protect our streams and the drainage systems leading to our waterways:



Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage channels where they can blow or wash into creeks. Use designated leaf collection bags for curbside leaf recycling.

Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off your property into streets, streams, ponds, or drainage swales.

Recycle grass clippings and their nutrients on your lawn. Use a mulching lawnmower to recycle remaining leaves into your lawn in the fall!



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Compost leaves and grass clippings along with yard waste. Select a location removed from streams, ponds, and wetlands.