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Please don't rake leaves or grass into the street

What's wrong with raking leaves and grass into the street?

Rainwater and snowmelt can wash leaves and grass clippings into nearby storm drains. In addition to plugging storm drain grates, leaves and grass can cause degradation of water quality in downstream lakes, ponds, and streams. The City's storm drains are not connected to a treatment facility. Instead, storm drains empty directly, untreated, into the closest water body. Grass clippings and leaves contain nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen that cause algae to grow in water bodies. Excessive algae growth is one of the main threats to the health of our water bodies.

How can you help?

Don't rake, pile, or blow grass clippings, leaves, or other yard waste into the streets or storm drain. That activity threatens the health of our water resources and is a violation of City Code. Yard waste collection is included as part of your city services, so that is the best way to dispose of yard waste.

You can help the City by educating your friends and neighbors about environmentally-responsible yard waste disposal.

What the City is doing to help?

In an effort to control stormwater pollution, the City of Robbinsdale Public Works Department sweeps the streets periodically throughout the year. Fall sweeping is intended to remove leaves that fall onto the streets, not leaves raked into the streets by homeowners.



When leaves or grass clippings escape your yard, you can help keep our water bodies clean by blowing the material back onto your yard or by collecting it and bagging it up.

Thank you for being a good watershed steward!