

# BE A LEAF Hero

HELP KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN

## TIP #1

**KEEP FALLEN LEAVES OUT OF STREETS.**

**Leaf litter leaches nutrients into stormwater runoff and contributes to pollution in our waters.**

Visit <https://www.eastlongmeadowma.gov/191/Stormwater> for more tips.

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## TIP #2

**CLEAR STORM DRAINS OF DEBRIS.**

**Leaf litter and yard debris plug storm drains  
and increase flooding issues.**

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## TIP #3

**DON'T DUMP IN DITCHES OR STREAMS.**

**Decaying leaf litter releases excess nutrients causing eutrophication and algal blooms.**

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## TIP #4

**COMPOST LEAVES & YARD CLIPPINGS.**

Reduce added chemicals in your yard and garden by creating a natural fertilizer with composted leaves.

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