



**CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS**  
**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM**  
**FALL UTILITY FLYER**

**Clean Streets for Clean Water!**

In urban areas, stormwater carries phosphorus and other pollutants into Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and wetlands through the storm sewer system. Unlike our household wastewater, stormwater does not go through a treatment plant first. Here in Redwood Falls, curbside storm drains can transport grass clippings and leaves (along with other street debris and dirt) to the **Minnesota River, Redwood River, Lake Redwood, Ramsey Creek, drainage ditches and nearby wetlands.**

**Summer-Fall Clean Water Tips**

- Have a storm drain near your home? Act as its guardian and keep it free of litter and leaves.
- Continue to rake or sweep tree leaves and grass clipping from streets, driveways, sidewalks and dispose of at the City's compost site. Never dispose leaves or grass clippings along shoreland, in ravines, in drainage ditches or in wetlands.
- If leaves are less than two inches thick on your lawn, consider mulching them in place by making several passes with a power mower. Your lawn will look raked, and the shredded leaves will provide nutrients back to your lawn.
- Fall is the best season to fertilize your lawn and control common weeds. Weed and feed responsibly. Use fertilizers and pesticides only as needed and always read and follow product instructions.
- Be phosphorus conscious! Minnesota's Phosphorus Lawn Fertilizer Law requires use of phosphorus-free fertilizer on established lawns unless soil testing shows a need for phosphorus. Re-establish vegetation on bare soil spots.
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste to prevent not only nutrients but also harmful bacteria from reaching our local lakes rivers and streams.



**City of Redwood Falls Compost Site**

- The compost site is located near the Redwood Wastewater Treatment Facility on Peabody Road. The entrance is located on Walnut Street immediately west of Swain Street. The compost site is now open and will remain open until weather dictates its closing. Starting Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, hours of operation are: Tuesday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and Saturday/Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. closed on Mondays for maintenance.
- Grass clippings, leaves and non-woody yard waste will be accepted at the compost site. No branches, paper, glass, metal or garbage is accepted at the compost site. However, adjacent to the compost site there is a burn site where branches, sticks, and other natural/un-processed woody debris will be accepted.
- For more information about the Compost Site visit <https://ci.redwood-falls.mn.us/environment/compost/>

