



Caring for your Yard this Fall

Tips for reducing stormwater pollution
on your property

1) **Let your grass clippings lay.** Not only does this reduce waste, the clippings will act as a natural fertilizer for your lawn, releasing nutrients and water into the soil.



2) **Use fertilizers sparingly and never before rain.** When applying fertilizers, avoid spreading them in paved areas where they can easily wash into a stormdrain.



3) **Plant a native tree!** Trees have deep roots that absorb rain water and reduce erosion. Some natives, like the paw paw tree, produce an edible fruit for you to harvest and enjoy!



4) **Install a rain garden.** Rain gardens are bowl shaped gardens, planted with native vegetation, that will filter and use stormwater. Plant them in a naturally wet area in your yard to reduce flooding!



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