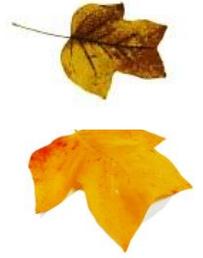




Stormwater Fall Tips

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As we enter into the fall season, there are stormwater issues unique to autumn. Most of this entails leaf litter and yard waste. Proper disposal is important to keep debris out of the storm drains and waterways. Yard waste will not only block the flow of water, but will also cause harmful nutrient accumulation in receiving waters.

Those wanting to drain swimming pools are required to reduce chlorine in the pool water to undetectable levels (less than 0.1 mg/L) before draining it into any storm drainage system. Simply stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and the sunlight will help naturally dissipate the chlorine within 10 days. During that time, use a swimming pool test kit to measure chlorine.

Here are a few things you can do to prepare for winter:

- Remove leaves from gutters and downspouts.
- Winterize rain barrels.
- De-chlorinate swimming pools prior to draining.
- Prepare rain gardens by trimming native plants.
- Ensure sump pump outlets are not blocked.
- Pick up any debris in your front and back yard areas near drains.
- Do not block grassed swales in your backyard with fill, landscaping, sheds, fencing etc...

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