

# Properly Dispose of Yard Waste in Dedham

## Guidelines for Curbside Pickup of Yard Waste

- Place leaves, grass, and brush in unlined trash cans, paper bags, or special "earth bags."
- Containers must be smaller than 35 gallons or 60 pounds.
- Brush must be smaller than 3 inches in diameter and 3 feet in length.
- Set the containers at the curb on your recycling collection day.
- This service is available from April 18 - December 9, 2022.

For more details about the curbside yard waste program, download the 2022 Waste and Recycling Schedule from the Town of Dedham's DPW website: [www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/public-works-dpw/recycling-trash](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/public-works-dpw/recycling-trash) or call the DPW at 781-751-9350.

## Working Together to Prevent Stormwater Pollution

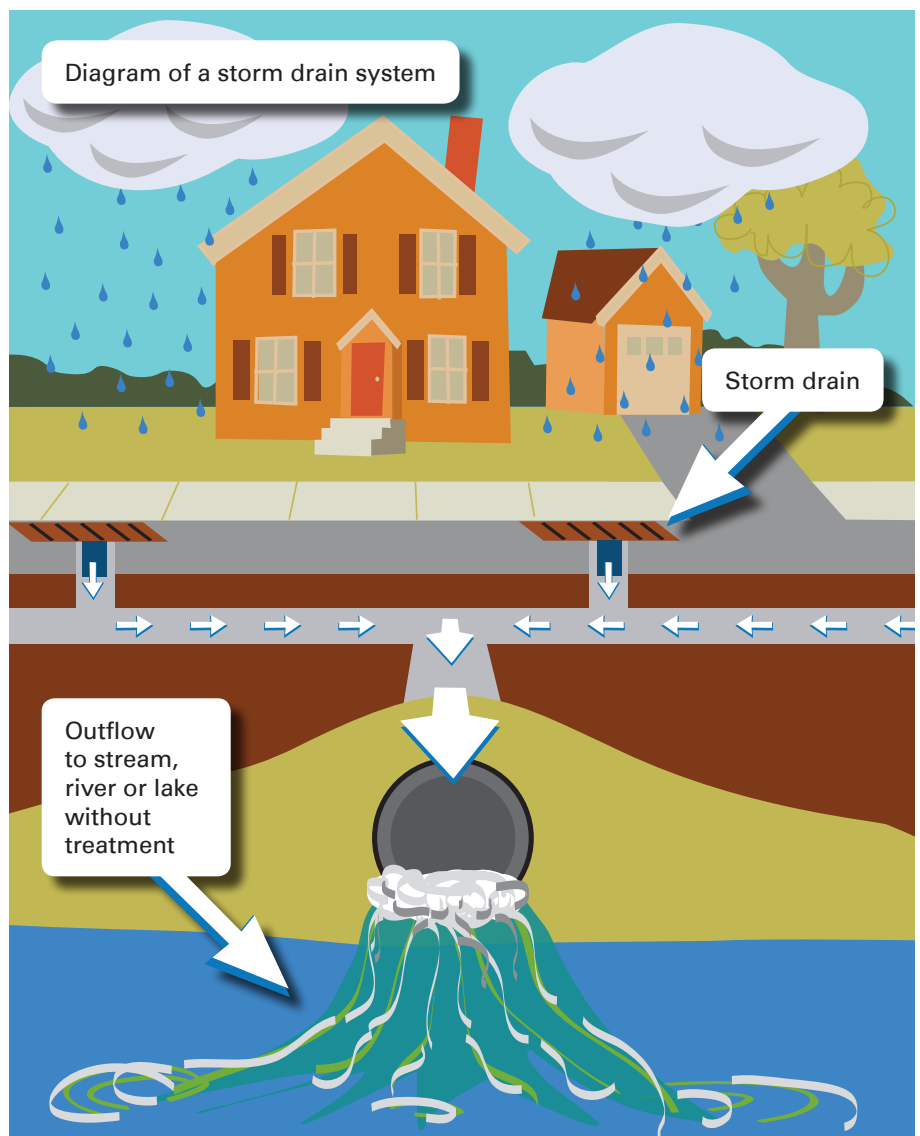
When rain hits pavement and concrete, it washes pollutants like pet waste, bacteria, oil, litter, fertilizer, and grass clippings into storm drains, which lead directly to local streams and ponds.

Water that flows into storm drains, or "stormwater," is NOT treated—and the pollutants affect drinking water supplies, recreation, and wildlife.

Dedham is working towards cleaner waterways by participating in the Neponset Stormwater Partnership (NSP), which offers resources to help eliminate water pollution that comes from paved surfaces.

Call the NSP Stormwater Hotline **781-575-0354 x300** or the Dedham DPW **781-751-9350** with stormwater questions, or to report dumping.

For more information on stormwater prevention, go to [YourCleanWater.org](http://YourCleanWater.org)



## Help Keep Dedham's Water Clean This Fall

Leaves and grass clippings that are dumped or stored near waterways or paved areas add to water pollution.

Fallen leaves and grass clippings are loaded with phosphorus.

When streams, rivers, and ponds receive too much phosphorus, harmful algae and cyanobacteria blooms can occur. These blooms are unsightly and can be toxic to people, pets, and wildlife.



### Keep our local waterways clean and healthy with a few simple steps.

- Place leaves, grass clippings, and brush in acceptable containers to be collected at the curb (see reverse side for guidelines).
- Consider composting yard waste.
- Keep paved areas and storm drains clear of leaves.
- Keep bagged, piled and mulched leaves on natural soil, a few feet back from paved areas.
- Ensure that your lawn service is properly disposing of yard waste.
- Reduce excessive lawn chemical use and always follow manufacturer's directions.



Learn more at [www.YourCleanWater.org](http://www.YourCleanWater.org)



*The Neponset Stormwater Partnership (NSP) is a program managed by the Neponset River Watershed Association on behalf of eleven member communities. NSP aims to increase the effectiveness of municipal stormwater management programs through regional cooperation and resource sharing.*