

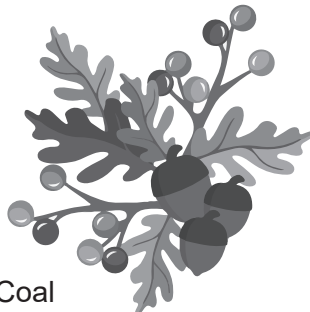


PREPPING FOR FALL: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

There are many sources of stormwater pollution unique to autumn, and we need your help to control them!

LEAVES

The leaves will start to fall soon, and their improper disposal poses a threat to our water resources; local streams and creeks which lead to the Kanawha and Coal Rivers where we get our tap water.



Leaf litter and any yard waste dumped into a stormwater drain or near a waterway can cause harmful nutrient accumulation. Leaves, much like grass clippings, swept into the street can easily enter storm drains and make their way into the nearest creek, as well as clog drains and cause flooding.

The main issue with fall foliage entering a stormwater system is that leaf litter contributes phosphorus and nitrogen to water. While 'nutrients' like these may sound like a positive additive, in excess they can cause what is known as eutrophication, and can also produce harmful algal blooms.

Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile and never in the street or stream! You can shred yard and leaf waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden. Or, check with Saint Albans' Public Works department for yard waste collection opportunities.

LANDSCAPING

If you are working on a landscaping project in your yard this season, bare soil can also run off into streams and cause sediment pollution, so let's keep our soil in place!

DID YOU KNOW?

Global warming could effect fall foliage. As temperatures remain warmer through fall and winter nights, they could delay the beloved fall color shift; One 2013 study found that fall colors now arrive a week later than they did 20 years ago.

FERTILIZER & SEEDS

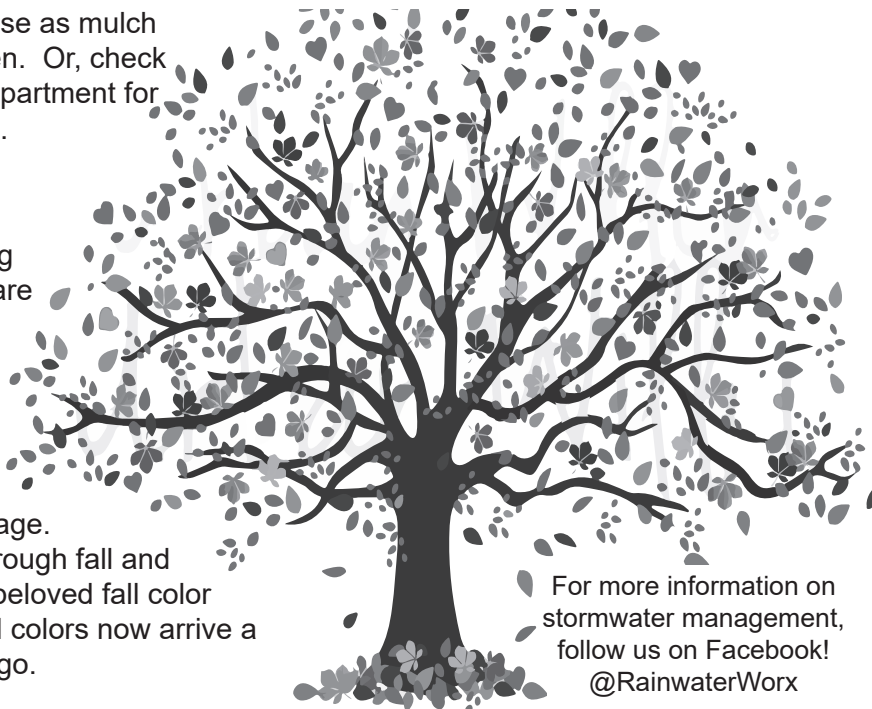
Fall is the best time for seeding and fertilizing your lawn. However, if excess fertilizer is applied it cannot be absorbed by the soil and will wash away with the rain.

Do not use fertilizers immediately before a rainstorm, and do not apply them in excess. Always follow the directions on the bottle for safe application and disposal whenever you use a chemical product.

GUTTERS

Fall is a great time to clean out your gutters. Leaves can build up in your gutters and decay causing them to be ineffective and adding excess harmful nutrients to stormwater.

A little extra caution while you keep up with your fall to-do list can make a big difference for the health of our watershed, and we thank you for cooperating with this effort. If you have any questions or concerns about stormwater management this fall you can always contact us at:
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SA?



Saint Albans Farmers Market

Sat, Sept. 7th & 21st
 10 AM - 2PM
 SA Roadside Park (lower lot)

Arti Gras

Sat, Sept. 7th
 2 PM - 10 PM
 65 Olde Main Plaza
 Live music and art!

The Alban

Matilda the Musical
 Sept. 13, 14, 20, & 21 at 9 PM
 Sept 15 & 22 at 3 PM
 65 Olde Main Plaza

Morgan's Kitchen Open House

Every Sunday 2PM - 4PM
 located along MacCorkle AVE
 Free historical museum

St. Albans Historical Society

Sat, Sept. 7th 10AM - 2PM
 Monthly open House at 404 4th AVE adjacent to the historic C&O Depot. Come see & share SA history!

City Wide Yard Sale

Sat, Sept. 21st



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