

# A HEALTHY LAKE: DON'T BLOW IT!



**Proper landscaping techniques make for cleaner neighborhood lakes!**

When transporting leaves and yard waste to the curb for collection, be sure to keep them off sidewalks and streets and away from storm drains and waterways.

Storm drains filled with yard waste can become clogged causing floods and the receiving water body can become impaired, resulting in algae blooms, low dissolved oxygen levels, and fish kills.

Whenever possible, use a rake or broom to clean the yard, driveway and gutters. Use leaf blowers responsibly and never place or blow leaves and debris into streets or storm drains.

## *Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!*

**Stormwater Utility Code**, Section 31.19(1), prohibits the discharge of any polluting matter into the streets and/or storm systems. Violators may be subject to a civil penalty, a citation, pollution abatement costs, and/or action by the City of Orlando Code Board.

To report stormwater pollution, please contact:

**CITY OF ORLANDO**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
*STREETS AND STORMWATER DIVISION*

**407.246.2370**

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