

REMEMBER...



ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Report dumping, spills, or other **STORMWATER VIOLATIONS:**
918-338-4254
- Clear clogged storm drains to prevent yard or street flooding
- Participate in a community cleanup
- Volunteer for the City's Storm Drain Marking program
- Sign up your group for an Adopt-A-Stream Program



For Questions, Comments, or Volunteer Opportunities please contact the following:

City of Bartlesville
Engineering Department
918-338-4251

City of Bartlesville
Stormwater Manager
918-338-4254

Helpful Links

www.cityofbartlesville.org

<http://www.stormwaterok.net/index.html>

www.epa.gov



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GRASS CLIPPINGS PILED IN FRONT OF STORM DRAIN

YARD WASTE can be composted or properly placed at the curb for pick up..



GRASS CLIPPINGS DUMPED INSIDE STORM DRAIN

PLEASE don't dump yard waste down the storm drains or in our creeks & streams.

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IMPROPERLY DISPOSED OF LEAVES CAN BLOCK STORM DRAINS

918-338-4254



How is Yard Waste a Problem?

Anything that gets into the path of rainwater, including yard waste, becomes stormwater pollution. Yard Waste in the storm drainage system causes many problems for our City. Often crews find the cause of flooding or damage to the storm drainage system is branches, leaves, or other discarded yard debris that has washed downstream and clogged culverts or pipes. Such discarded debris can turn into an expensive problem when it causes a blockage.

Yard Waste Pick Up

The City of Bartlesville collects yard waste from the curb once a week on your scheduled collection day, provided it meets the city ordinance requirements:

- **Limbs:** Limbs must be no longer than 4 feet in length and no larger than 6 inches in diameter. Limbs should be separated into piles small enough for one individual to handle.
- **Stumps/Logs:** The city will not collect tree stumps. Logs larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be collected.

Where does it all come from?



In the spring and summer, there are fertilizers, grass clippings, and weeds. In the fall, leaves pile up. In the winter, we may have ice storms that cause limbs to come down.

There are many ways to dispose of this type of waste but placing it in or near a storm drain, stream, or creek is never an option.



Where does it go?

When not properly disposed of, yard debris will wash into our storm drains, ditches, and streams or creeks. It may be the cause of yard or street flooding during a rain event. This large quantity



of debris cannot be properly processed by nature. The result is algae blooms, fish kills, and



sediment build up.

What you can do...

- Sweep up yard debris instead of washing it away.
- Place sticks in small piles for curb side pick up.
- Blow leaves and grass clippings back into your yard instead of into a storm drain.
- Use a compost bin to turn yard waste into a useful gardening product.
- Reduce the amount of fertilizers by having your soil tested first.
- Apply fertilizers and pesticides exactly where you want them. Avoid spraying onto sidewalks and driveways.
- Adjust sprinklers so they are not watering the sidewalks, driveways, or streets.
- **VOLUNTEER!!**

