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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Richmond Sanitary District  
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PSA: Fall clean up for better working storm drains

Fall keeps us busy with taking care of leaves and other bits of vegetation that die back and fall off in preparation for winter. Sometimes the leaves seem to fall all at once, and other times they seem to fall a little every day, all month long.

Leaves and such that fall in the streets and parking lots will be carried and moved by wind and water. When rainfall is heavy it can pick up and carry the leaves to the storm drains, causing them to become clogged and the water to then back up on to the streets. This can create problems with traffic flow on the streets, and also with cars parked in lots near the storm drains, which if clogged may create some ponding. You can help alleviate some of these problems by keeping leaves and other debris out of the street's curb/gutter, especially if rain is in the forecast.

Remember: ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN – anything else is a pollutant.

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