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TURN YOUR YARD WASTE INTO GARDEN GOLD



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Composting and mulching aren't just for hardcore gardeners—they're simple, eco-friendly habits that protect local water while giving your soil a major boost.

When yard waste like grass clippings and leaves gets dumped or left curbside, it can wash into storm drains and feed algae blooms in nearby lakes and streams. But when you compost or mulch it instead? Total win-win.

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED:

- ✓ Compost food scraps, leaves, and grass clippings to create rich, natural fertilizer.
- ✓ Use mulched leaves and grass on garden beds to lock in moisture and suppress weeds.
- ✓ Keep clippings off the street—your storm drains and waterways will thank you.
- ✓ Check with your town for low-cost compost bins or composting programs.



Less waste.

Less runoff.

Healthier gardens.

Cleaner water.

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