

Leaves-in-the-Street = Leaves-in-the-Lake

Leaves-in-the-street season is again upon us. Please turn your attention away for a few minutes from the great Brewers', Packers' and Badgers' seasons and consider who loses when leaves are raked into the gutter. It's Rock Lake that loses! Leaves lying in the gutter can be washed into the storm drains and end up in the lake. There is no processing that takes the phosphorous out of those leaves. They go into the lake, which increases the phosphorous level of the water, which increases algae blooms.

The City of Lake Mills used to want the leaves in the street so that they could be swept up. But they now use the eco-friendly method of vacuuming them from the tree border. Rake your leaves on to that border. You will then be the winning pitcher/quarterback in the game against pollution!