Addressing Stormwater this Fall

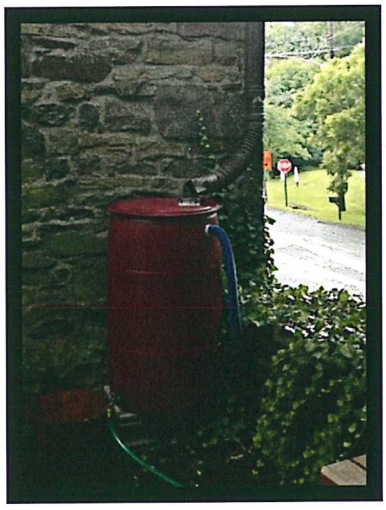
Though it is easy to get distracted by the beautiful Fall foliage and the excitement of a new school year, it is important to learn, implement and share tips and tricks to mitigate stormwater!

Practices to prevent stormwater from negatively impacting your house and yard:

Pruning trees, shrubs and perennials - Fall is the best time to prune trees, shrubs and other perennials in your yard. Pruning allows your plants to jump start their Spring growth & helps them to utilize more stormwater.

Monitoring for erosion - As the leaves fall and as our plants enter their fall and winter dormancy continue to check your property for soil erosion caused by stormwater.

Clearing leaves and debris from gutters & installing a rain barrel - Fall, for many of us, signifies gutter cleaning season! After clearing debris from your gutters install a rain barrel at the end of your downspout. Use the free rain water from your rain barrel to wash your car or water your gardens!



Protecting stormwater drains nearby your property - Help protect the stormwater that is not funneled into your rain barrel by clearing leaves and debris which collect around nearby stormwater drains. These drains flow directly into local streams. Only water should enter storm drains!