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Gearing up for the Fall: Turning Leaves into Gold

Landscape refuse, such as leaves, grass clippings and trimmings, accounts for up to 20 percent of the waste being put into landfills (Source: UGA). The good news is that soils can often be improved and made more productive or conditioned by simply adding compost derived from organic matter like grass clippings, vegetable scraps and leaves. The Clean Water Campaign is partnering with the local University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service offices to conduct composting workshops as a part of the "Gardening to Protect Water Quality" series of workshops. Registration for the workshop is required. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

- **August 27 (10:00 a.m.-noon)** - Hickory Flat Library, 2740 East Cherokee Drive, Canton, GA 30115. Register at 404-463-3259 or online www.cleanwatercampaign.com. **Cost:** Free
- **September 8 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**- North Fulton Service Center , 7741 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA 30350. Register at 404-730-8097 or online www.cleanwatercampaign.com. **Cost:** Free
- **September 15 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**- Cobb County Water Quality Lab Training Room, 662 South Cobb Drive, Marietta, GA 30060-3105. Register at 770-528-1482 or online www.cleanwatercampaign.com. **Cost:** Free
- **September 22 (6:30-8:00 p.m.)**- Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill Street, Roswell, GA 30075. Register at 404-463-3259 or online www.cleanwatercampaign.com. **Cost:** Free
- **September 27 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**- South Fulton Service Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd, College Park, GA 30349. Register by calling 404-730-8097 or online www.cleanwatercampaign.com. **Cost:** Free
- **October 25 (6:30-8:00 p.m.)**- Clayton County Water Authority's Community Room, 1600 Battle Creek Rd, Morrow, GA 30260. Register at 678-422-2838 or online www.cleanwatercampaign.com. **Cost:** Free
- **November 3 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**- Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Auditorium, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Register at 404-463-3259 or online www.cleanwatercampaign.com. **Cost:** Free

*The **Clean Water Campaign** is a cooperative, multi-agency public education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the Atlanta region. For more information about the Clean Water Campaign, contact Kelley O'Brien at 404-463-3259.*

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