

A person wearing a grey jacket is using a white and orange leaf blower on a street covered in yellow leaves. The background is blurred, showing parked cars.

# BLOWING LEAVES INTO THE STREET IS ILLEGAL AND CAN EARN YOU A TICKET

*City of  
Tampa  
Florida*

Blowing leaves and grass clippings into the street can lead to **local flooding problems** when storm drains get clogged.

When these materials get into our waterways, **water quality and fish habitats can be harmed.**

Find ways to reuse your yard waste, or dispose of it through the City's curbside yard waste collection program.

# IT IS ILLEGAL TO BLOW LEAVES AND DEBRIS INTO THE STREET PER CITY ORDINANCE AND CAN EARN YOU A TICKET

## Sec. 21-9.

### Protection of public drainage systems

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any individual to introduce any foreign matter (including, but not limited to, trash, leaves, grass clippings, debris, garbage, fill, construction materials, organic or inorganic pollutants, acids, and petroleum products), whether by action or inaction, to any public drainage system including but not limited to streets. It is a public nuisance for any person to damage, obstruct or interfere with the operation of any public drainage system, whether by action or inaction.
- (b) Any business who has received written notice of any employee who has acted in violation of paragraph (a) shall be jointly liable for any future violations of paragraph (a) by any employee which occurs within twelve (12) months after a written notice was received.

## Sec. 23.5-5.

### Schedule of violations and penalties

Violations from City of Tampa residents are considered Class I violations and will carry a fine of:

For a first offense	\$75.00
For a second offense	\$150.00
For a third offense	\$300.00
For a fourth or subsequent offense	\$450.00

Violations in the City of Tampa limits from professional landscape companies are considered Class IV violations and will carry a fine of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) [for] each and every offense.

