

Everyone can make a difference in the quality of water by practicing good pollution prevention habits. The examples listed in this material show how to:

- save water
- manage or retain runoff to control sediment and erosion
- hold and use runoff effectively
- keep common pollutants from entering our waterways.



Help be the solution
to prevent water
pollution.

- ◆ Use water sparingly. We have a limited supply.
- ◆ Get a soil test before applying fertilizers to see if it's really needed.
- ◆ Plants help hold water so it soaks into the ground to replenish streams.
- ◆ Compost yard waste instead of throwing it in streams or on the banks of streams.
- ◆ Sweep non-porous surfaces and dispose of sweepings in the trash. Hosing off dirt allows it to be carried into streams.
- ◆ Dispose of pet waste in the trash to help keep nutrients and bacteria out of streams.
- ◆ Use phosphorus-free detergents to wash your car on a grassy area to prevent nutrients and debris from running into streams.
- ◆ Repair car leaks; put used oil in a sealed container for hazardous waste recycling.
- ◆ Put left-over hazardous waste in a sealed container and take it to a hazardous waste recycling center.
- ◆ Maintain your septic system; repair leaks so septic waste does not run into nearby streams.



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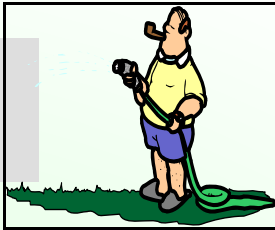


Protecting Water Quality

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Give Water Quality A Helping Hand

1. Water only when it's needed.



2. Limit the use of pesticides and fertilizers.

3. Plant native vegetation



4. Compost or mulch yard waste



5. Dispose of sweepings in the trash.



6. Redirect rooftop runoff.

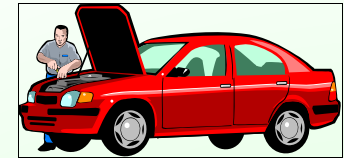
7. Dispose of pet waste properly.



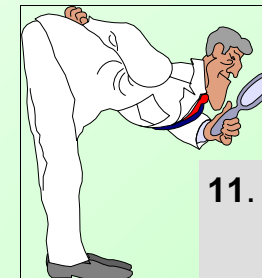
8. Wash your car on a grassy area with phosphorus-free detergent.



9. Properly maintain your vehicles.



10. Dispose of household hazardous waste properly.



11. Properly maintain your septic system.

12. Join A Watershed Organization

