

WHEN IT RAINS, YOUR TOWN DRAINS

10 EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP POLLUTION OF OUR CREEKS AND RIVERS

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1. Recycle your used motor oil. Autozone, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, and other service stations in your community accept used oil. Some will also accept your used antifreeze. **Never dump oil or antifreeze down the storm drain which flows into the creeks or rivers.**
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2. Reduce auto emission through regular auto maintenance, ride sharing, and use of public transportation. Fix oil, radiator and transmission leaks in your car. **Don't let your car leave ugly oil slicks behind.**
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3. Use a garbage can for your trash. Recycle reusable materials. **Don't put trash and litter in the street; it will be washed to the river.**
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4. Sweep the dirt from your walk or driveway back into the yard with your broom. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. **Hosing dirt and pet waste away sends it into the drainage system and directly to the creeks & rivers.**
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5. Dispose of any hazardous home chemicals at approved household hazardous waste collection sites. **Use the least toxic products available in your home and garden.**
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6. Choose water-based paints such as latex. Wash brushes in your sink with water. If using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. Solidified paint can be disposed of in regular household waste. **Don't pour any paint or toxic material down the storm drain.**
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7. Use pesticides and other lawn chemicals sparingly. Never double the dose! **Follow the directions and do not apply if rain is forecasted.**
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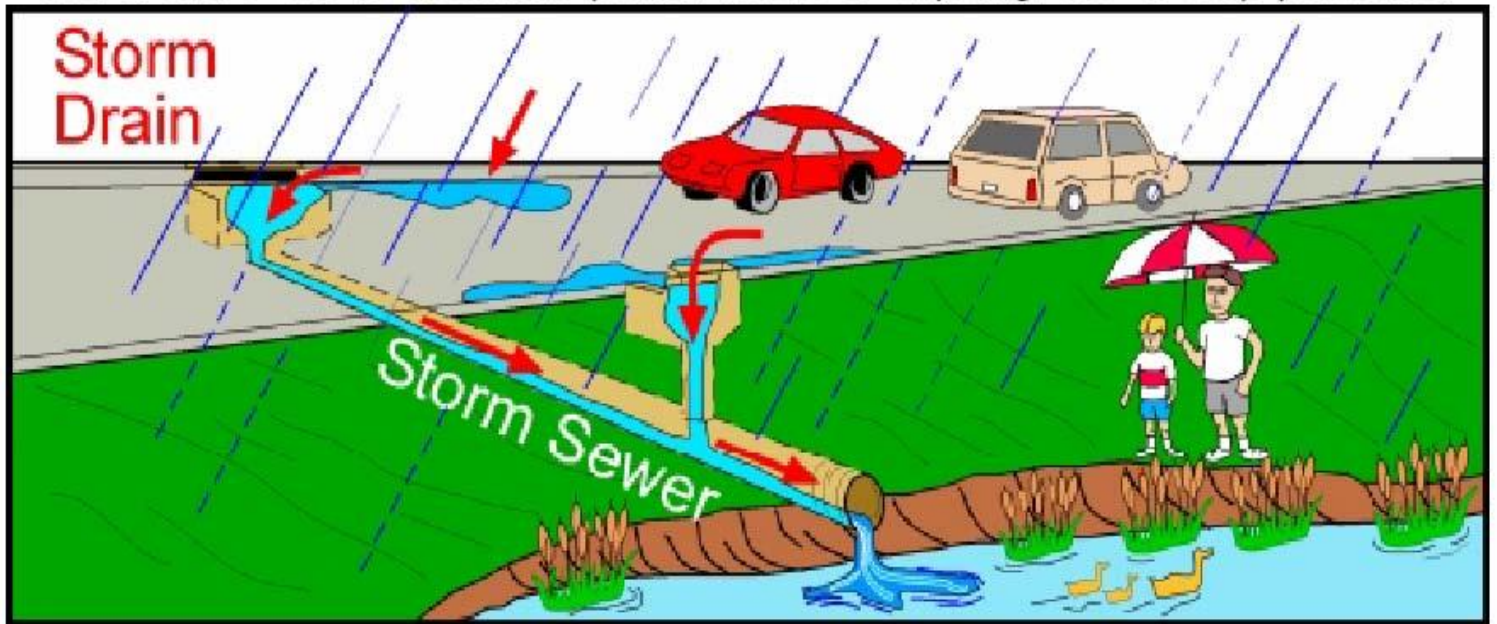
8. Go to a car wash or wash your car in the grass. **Don't wash that grimy road dirt and chemical cleaners down the drive and into the storm drain.**
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9. Pick up and properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile with yard waste. **Never use streams or gutters to dispose of yard waste.**
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10. Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped out every 3 years to remove sludge and scum. Do not use tank additives, and practice water conservation to prevent overworking your system. **Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems.**

EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. SPREAD THE WORD.
WATER POLLUTION IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM; WATER QUALITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Runoff from your driveway and the street goes straight to the creeks and rivers; there are no treatment plants, filters or anything else to stop pollutants.



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