



EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES CAN CAUSE WATER POLLUTION WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

PET WASTE

- Be sure to pick up after your pet. Pet waste contains bacteria which can pollute waterways. Dispose of pet waste bags with your household trash (don't flush in the toilet).
- When walking your dog, check to make sure you have plenty of pet waste bags on hand and take advantage of pet waste disposal stations at local parks and trails.
- Don't allow your dog the opportunity to urinate or defecate near or in creeks or streams.

CAR WASHING

- When washing your automobile, avoid letting the wash water drain to the storm system. Dispose of suds in a utility sink, or better yet—wash your car at a facility where the drainage is connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- Wash your vehicle on a flat grassy surface so the wash water infiltrates into the ground. Be sure to move your vehicle off the grass when you are finished.

REPAIR WORK

- Have your car serviced regularly and have leaks fixed promptly. If you notice spots on your driveway, or find yourself adding fluids on a regular basis, remember that these automotive fluids are finding their way to our waterways!
- Never wash automotive oils or household chemical waste with water. Water will only channel the waste into the storm drain system and ultimately into the stream.
- If you do have a spill, use cat litter or proper absorbent to contain it. Then use a broom or shop-vac to collect the litter debris and dispose in the trash.
- Be sure to recycle your used motor oil or any other automotive fluids.

YARD WORK

- Rethink the types and amounts of chemicals you use in your yard. Be proactive and use slightly composted leaves, compost soil and mulch to enhance the quality of your soil to avoid the need for chemical fertilizers. Research other methods of weed and pest control so you can minimize the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides.
- If you do use yard chemicals, make sure you follow product directions precisely to avoid over-application.
- Never apply lawn chemicals or fertilizers prior to a rain event. This will not only waste the chemicals, but they will wash into waterways.

