

Ten ways

to be the solution to stormwater pollution.



1 When cleaning outside, use minimal amounts of cleaners and avoid detergents with phosphates.

2 Store household items in a safe place. Immediately clean up any spills. Be sure to properly dispose of any unwanted household chemicals or leaky containers.



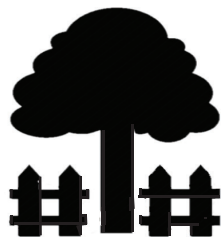
3 Keep your vehicle in good condition. Ensure that oil, coolant or antifreeze leaks are fixed immediately.

4 Use a commercial car wash whenever possible. If you wash car at home, make sure dirty car wash water does not immediately go down the storm drain. Avoid soaps with phosphates.



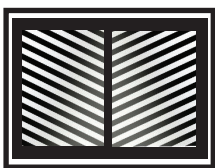
5 Pick up after your dog everytime. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases the risk of harmful bacteria getting tracked into your home or being washed down the storm drain where it travels, untreated, to local waterways.

6 The best way to dispose of pet waste is to scoop it, bag it and put it in the trash. Pet waste should not be composted.



7 Apply fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. Be sure to read all directions on the label. Use slow release fertilizers and don't apply right before a rain event.

8 Use mulch to cover garden beds and other exposed ground. Increase the amount of vegetation on your property. You could convert your concrete driveway to permeable pavers, plant some trees or turn your lawn into a rain garden.



9 Keep neighborhood storm drains free of debris, cigarette butts, sediment and trash. Grass clippings and other yard waste should be composted, not piled on lawn to be washed away by rain water runoff.

10 Remember only rain should go down the drain. Don't pour anything directly into a storm drain.