

# Together WE Can Make a Difference!

## Six Simple Steps to Prevent Stormwater Pollution



### Clean Up After Your Pets



When our pets leaves those little surprises, rain washes all that waste and bacteria into our storm drain. It pollutes our waterbodies. What to do??? ...Simple, pick up after your pet and flush the waste down the toilet. Then that little surprise gets treated like it should.

### Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains



Remember only rain in the drain! Storm water drains in the streets lead to our creeks and streams. So, any oil pet waste, fertilizer, gasoline or chemicals on the pavement can enter a storm drain and contaminate the waterbodies. We all need to be aware of what ends up in our storm drains.

### Practice Good Car Care



When you are washing your car, remember you are not just washing you car. All the soap and grease goes to the storm drain, where flows directly into our lakes, creeks, and streams. This pollutes our waterbodies. Instead, wash your car on grass or gravel, or use a car wash facility it where the dirty water receives treatment.

### Properly Dispose of Automotive Products



Motor oil, antifreeze, deicer, gasoline, cleaners, solvents are just some of the automotive products that enter our storm drains. You can help keep these out of our lakes and streams. Don't top off when you fill your tank. Soak up spills immediately. Dispose of hazardous items properly. Never drain, or on the ground. Call the city to locate a hazardous waste center near you.

### Never Fertilize When Expecting Rain



You use chemical fertilizer on your lawn. Sprinklers run too long, or it rains. The sprinkler runoff and rainfall wash excess fertilizer into the storm drains where it flows directly into our lakes, streams and creeks. This causes algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive. Instead, don't apply fertilizer before it rains. Check your sprinkler settings and always follow the label instructions.

### Properly Drain Your Pool



The chemicals used in swimming pool maintenance includes, chlorine, bromine, copper etc. which can kill fish and plants in our waterbodies. Pool discharges should be done slowly to prevent soil erosion, flooding or damage to adjacent properties. Never clean a filter near creek, streams or storm drains. Ask your pool maintenance service/store for help preventing persistent algae problems.

**Our Nature - Our Water - Our Future - Ours to Protect**