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## 10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- ◆ Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- ◆ Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- ◆ Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- ◆ Compost your yard waste
- ◆ Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- ◆ Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- ◆ Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- ◆ Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- ◆ Pick up after your pet
- ◆ Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly



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