

CLEAN WATER BOOKMARK

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You Can Help Your Watershed!

We all live in a watershed — an area of land that drains rain and snow to a stream, lake, wetland, estuary, or the ocean. Pollution washed from the land is a leading reason why many of our watersheds are in trouble.



Help Your Watershed!

In your home...

- Don't let the water run! Fix leaks and install water-saving faucets and toilets.
- Choose environmentally friendly household products.
- Maintain your septic tank to prevent leaks from polluting nearby waters.

In your yard...

- Use hardy plants that need little water, fertilizers, or pesticides.
- Know plant and soil needs before applying garden chemicals.
- For decks, patios, and walkways, use surfaces that allow rain to soak in.

In your community...

- Don't dump used oil or antifreeze into the storm drain or street. Recycle them!
- Pick up after your dog.
- Tune up your car and check for leaks. Try walking, biking, and using mass transit.
- Get involved in your watershed!



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