

# Clean Water Begins at Home

*Only Rain Down the Drain*

Check your car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain. Clean-up using cat litter to absorb leaks and spills and then place in your regular trash for proper disposal.

Minimize pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM). For more information, visit EPA's website at: <https://epa.gov/ssafepestcontrol/integrated-pest-management-ipm-principles>

Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

Compost yard waste or place in your yard waste bin. Reuse the compost in gardens and flower beds.

Take your car to a car wash or park on the grass to avoid cleaners from entering the storm drains. Use biodegradable soap, if soap is necessary.

Direct drain spouts into rain gardens or install a rain barrel to prevent some runoff and to reduce the need for irrigation water from the tap.

Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste wash into the storm drains and pollute our streams.

**NEVER** put any kind of waste into the storm drain. All storm drains lead to our streams.

Follow directions on fertilizer labels and sweep off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so the chemicals won't get into the storm drains and streams.

Pick up your cigarette butts. They are full of chemicals and harmful to our waters and animals.

*Everything Ends Up in Our Streams*

