

Ten Easy Things You Can Do To Stop Pollution

Environmental protection begins in your own backyard

1.



Recycle your used motor oil. Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express, AutoZone and other service stations accept used oil. *Never*

pour oil or automotive fluids on the ground or in creeks, ditches, or rivers.

2.

Reduce auto emissions through regular auto maintenance, car pooling, and use of public transportation. Fix oil, transmission, and radiator leaks in your car. Leaking fluids can wash off roads, driveways, and parking lots into waterways during rain showers.



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Use garbage cans for your trash. Recycle reusable materials like cardboard, paper, plastic, and aluminum. Don't throw trash and litter in the streets and ditches; it will wash into creeks and rivers.



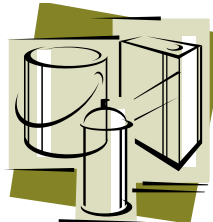
4.

Sweep the dirt from your sidewalk and driveway back into your yard with a broom. Pick up pet wastes and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. Hosing dirt and pet wastes away flushes it directly into roadways and eventually into creeks, ditches, and rivers.



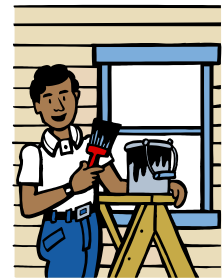
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Dispose of any hazardous household chemicals at approved household hazardous waste collection sites. Purchase "natural" products available for your home and garden.



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Select water-based paints such as latex. Wash brushes in your sink with water. If using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. Don't pour any paint or toxic material on the ground or in ditches.



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See the other side for more good ideas

7.



Use pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and other lawn chemicals sparingly. Never double the dose. Follow the directions and do not apply if rain is forecasted.

9.

Collect grass clippings and leaves and start a compost pile. Compost makes excellent soil conditioner for flower beds and gardens and is a beneficial way to dispose of yard waste. Never use creeks, ditches, or streams to dispose of yard wastes.



8.

Go to a car wash or wash your car in the grass. Don't wash grimy road dirt and soap down the driveway; it will end up in the creeks, ditches, and rivers.



10.



Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped out every three years to remove sludge and scum. Practice water conservation to prevent overworking your system. Repair or replace malfunctioning or outdated septic systems.

11.



Do you have another idea? What can you do to prevent pollution or conserve our natural resources? Write your idea here.

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Water quality is everyone's responsibility.

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