

# Clean Water



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Business*



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

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



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