

## 6 Things YOU Can Do to Help Conserve Our Water & Keep it Clean



### 1 Be careful of what goes down the drain!

Wash your car in a carwash bay instead of your driveway, where soap runs into the drain; take your unused pharmaceuticals to a collection program rather than flushing them; & never dump oil, trash, leaves or any other materials into storm drain inlets.

### 2 Practice environmentally friendly lawn & garden care.

Use only organic fertilizers and use them sparingly. Avoid pesticides. These chemicals will be swept into local waterways by stormwater runoff & harm aquatic life.



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### 3 Pick up pet waste.

Stormwater will carry pet waste left on the ground into storm drains, contributing to harmful bacteria, parasites & viruses in our water.

### 4 Protect Riparian Buffers (streambank plantings).

Don't mow to the edge of streambanks. Allow native vegetation to grow freely in at least a 10-foot strip along the bank to reduce erosion & help filter out pollutants.

### 5 Use a rain barrel.

To reduce runoff, direct downspouts over porous, not paved surfaces. Or, use a rain barrel to collect rainwater for later use on your lawn or garden.

### 6 Plant trees!

Among their many benefits, trees help protect the health of our watersheds, and provide cooler conditions for our native fish.

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