

8 simple rules

eight things you can do to improve water quality



Animal Waste: Be responsible and pick up after your pet. When animal waste is left on the ground it washes down stormdrains and contaminates our water.



Avoid Littering: Trash accumulated in stormdrains can cause flooding. Litter can also choke, suffocate or disable aquatic life.



Dispose of Chemicals Properly: Excessive nutrients from lawn chemicals can cause algae blooms; removing oxygen needed for fish.



Yard Waste: Never rake or sweep grass, twigs, leaves, etc. onto the street or near stormdrains. All organic matter, including leaves, grass clippings and yard trimmings can be reused or recycled.



Vehicle Washing: Have your vehicle washed at a car wash that uses recycled water. If you wash your vehicle at home wash it on the grass; not in the street or driveway.



Used Motor Oil: Recycle used motor oil and have vehicle leaks repaired.



Septic Systems: Inspect septic systems and have them pumped. Failing septic systems are a major source of pollution to ground water and local reservoirs.



Soil Erosion: Adequate ground cover is key in preventing topsoil from eroding. Sediment is harmful for aquatic life and silted swimming areas can be dangerous.

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