
THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN HELP PREVENT NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION!

Family Car:

- Make sure the car is tuned up and not leaking oil, gas, or antifreeze.
- Take used motor oil to service stations or recycling centers.

Housecleaning:

- Follow product instructions and use only recommended amounts.
- Use non-hazardous substitutes for household chemicals, such as baking soda instead of scouring powder and boiling water instead of drain cleaners.
- Use low-phosphate, biodegradable detergents.
- Put all trash in proper receptacles and recycle anything that can be recycled.
- Keep lids tight on garbage cans.

Pet Care:

- Walk pets in grassy areas instead of paved areas.
- Use pooper-scoopers or newspaper to pick up pet waste deposited on pavement, and properly dispose of it in the garbage or the toilet. (Do not flush newspaper down the toilet!)

Septic Tank:

- Have the septic tank pumped every 3-5 years.
- Have the septic tank inspected every year or two to make sure it is operating properly.
- Never flush or pour harmful or hazardous chemicals down the drain into the septic tank.

Landscaping and Yard Maintenance:

- Landscape your yard so that grass and trees retain stormwater and reduce runoff from your property.
- Dispose of leaves and grass clippings in compost piles or garbage to prevent them from clogging storm drains.
- Pick up litter in your yard and dispose of it properly.

Gardening:

- Make sure the pesticides you apply are appropriate for your situation.
- Use "natural" approaches to pest control when possible.
- Follow label directions carefully and use as little pesticide as possible to meet your needs.
- Dispose of unused pesticides properly. Call your local health department for information.
- Construct a compost bin for table scraps and add compost to garden soil.
- Check the forecast before applying fertilizers or pesticides and do NOT apply them if it is going to rain and there is going to be strong winds that day.

Boating:

- Use onshore restrooms and pump out boat facilities at approved pumpout stations.
- Never put garbage or raw sewage into any water body.
- Use extreme caution to prevent cleaners, paint, and petroleum products used on the boat from spilling into the water.
- Maintain the engine on the boat so that it burns fuel efficiently and does not leak oil.