

10 EASY WAYS YOU CAN STOP STORM WATER POLLUTION

1. Repair oil and cooling system leaks on your car and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations. Recycle your used motor oil. On annual collection days take household hazardous waste to drop-off locations. Never pour used motor oil or other hazardous materials into a storm drain. Contact the Solid Waste Management Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) for more information on recycling and disposal at (847) 336-9340 or at www.swalco.org.
2. Properly manage and dispose of yard wastes (grass clippings, leaves, etc.) and don't put them in the street, gutter or a storm drain. Contact the Public Works Department for more information on leaf and brush pickup programs offered by the Village at (847) 362-5363.
3. Use a proper container for your trash and recyclables. Don't put trash into the street or gutter where it can be washed into the storm sewer system. For more information on recycling, contact the Solid Waste Management Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) for more information on recycling and disposal at (847) 336-9340 or at www.swalco.org.
4. Use lawn and garden fertilizers sparingly, and learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers on your lawn or garden. Please don't "double the dose" just for good measure.
5. Pick up after your pet. If you have a dog, clean up its waste and don't allow it to pollute storm water runoff. You can properly dispose of pet waste by flushing it down the toilet or placing it in the trash for regular pickup.
6. Use water-based paints such as latex and wash paintbrushes in the sink with water. When using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. Never pour unused paint or paint thinner into a storm drain.
7. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway. The runoff from home car washing can contain detergents that are harmful to aquatic life.
8. Use non-toxic alternatives to conventional household cleaners whenever possible. Contact the Solid Waste Management Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) for more information on recycling and disposal at (847) 336-9340 or at www.swalco.org for additional information.
9. Educate your family, friends and neighbors about storm water pollution. Spread the word.
10. Report polluters. If you see a potential storm water quality problem, please call Village Hall at (847) 362-5363. Remember, water pollution is everyone's concern.

For additional information on surface water quality and storm water pollution prevention issues, please see the websites below:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.state.il.us

United States Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.gov/npdes/index.cfm

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission www.lakecountyil.gov/stormwater