



Conserve and recycle

Buy only what you need

Avoid creating waste. Buy only the amounts that you will use right away.

Recycle

Take old or unwanted household chemicals to your local recycling centers (where available). Take advantage of local household chemical round-ups. If you change your own oil, collect all of the used oil and take it to your local oil recycling center.

Buy recycled products

Look for recycled paint, motor oil, and antifreeze.

Use and dispose of chemicals properly

Never mix chemicals

Don't mix different household chemicals together. The mixture might be harmful or toxic.

Store products safely

Store products in their original, labeled containers in a covered and secure area, away from children and pets.

Dispose of chemicals properly

Take responsibility for chemicals that you throw away. Rinse paint brushes in the sink rather than outdoors with a hose. Never pour household, automotive, or lawn and garden chemicals into the storm drains — it's illegal and it pollutes the water. For additional information on proper disposal, call the number on this brochure.



Contain yard, household, and pet waste

Keep garbage in its place

Keep garbage cans tightly covered. To avoid litter, take garbage and recyclables out to your curb only on the day your trash is picked up.



Manage yard wastes

Keep leaves, grass clippings, and other yard wastes cleared off driveways, sidewalks, and streets, so that they won't wash into storm drains.



Bag pet wastes

Pet wastes carry disease-causing organisms! Pick up after your pet. Bag pet wastes and dispose of properly in the garbage.

Remember...

Water runs downhill.

Water picks up everything.

Water flows to our rivers, streams, and creeks.

Do your part to keep our water clean!

Dumping liquid or solid waste into a storm drain or creek is a crime! If you see illegal dumping, report it!

CLEAR CHOICES FOR CLEAN WATER



Managing Your Household Wastes

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