



# 10 Things You Can Do To Prevent Stormwater Pollution



***You have the power to make a difference!***

**By making small changes in your daily habits you can have a big impact on the health of your children, pets, and environment.**



**Here are ten ways you can help:**

1. Never dump anything into storm drains or streams.
2. Use a commercial car wash, instead of washing your car in the driveway.
3. Check your car for leaks, and recycle motor oil.
4. Properly use, store and dispose of hazardous household materials.
5. Scoop your pet waste, bag it, and place it in the trash.
6. Use a professional carpet cleaning service that doesn't pollute the storm drains.
7. Practice natural yard care.
8. Use little to no synthetic fertilizers or pesticides.
9. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider starting a rain garden.
10. Reduce your lawn and impervious surfaces on your property.

***For information on storm drain marking volunteer opportunities contact:***

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