

## 10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly. Excess washes into streams and creates choking plant growth.
- Never dump anything down storm drains or into streams. The fish will thank you.
- Sweep driveways and walkways instead of washing them with a hose.
- Compost your yard waste. Mix with garden soil as free, organic fertilizer.
- Use less toxic pesticides or explore the use of organic alternatives.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces, use rain barrels, or start a rain garden.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check under your car for leaks and always recycle your motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet. Pet waste contains harmful fecal coliform bacteria.
- Have your septic tank pumped and inspected regularly.