

10 STEPS TO PREVENT STORM WATER POLLUTION

It will not be too much longer before we are fertilizing, planting, washing cars and applying pesticides. Please read the following carefully and do your part to reduce our negative impact on the environment.

1. Do not over fertilize your lawn; excess fertilizer wastes money and has a negative impact on water quality and aquatic life.
2. Sweep up debris from driveways and sidewalks rather than using a hose; your water bill will be lower and dirt, oil, and antifreeze run-off will be reduced.
3. Do not dump anything down a storm drain; there are convenient ways to get rid of leaves, waste oil, paint, lawn chemicals and other pollution sources; call public works for details – 836-6970
4. Re-seed bare spots in your yard to prevent erosion and sediment leaving your lot.
5. Use the least toxic or non-toxic pesticides on flowers and vegetables and use the least amount possible to reduce the potential for stream pollution.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved areas and consider installing rain gardens or rain barrels; call the town engineer for details – 836-6995.
7. Wash your car at a car wash instead of washing it in your driveway; all that dirt, oil, salt, and soap ends up in the stream.
8. Check your car regularly for leaking oil, transmission or brake fluid, antifreeze, etc., and fix leaks promptly if they occur.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Tell your neighbors about 1 thru 9, and call the public works department at 836-6970 if you see someone dumping something inappropriate down a storm drain.