

SPRING STORMWATER TIPS

TO PROTECT OUR WATERSHED

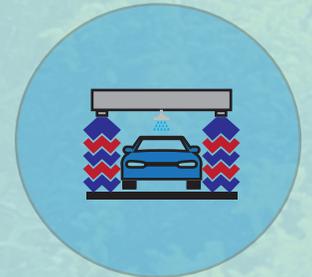


CLEAN

Uncover and clean catch basins, drains, gutters, and downspouts to help avoid flooding.

WASH WISELY

Wash your car at a commercial facility that captures and reuses waste water before sending it to the sanitary sewer. When you wash your car in the driveway or road, the soap, wax, oil and grease washes into storm drains.

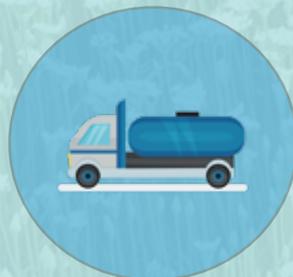


RECYCLE

Dispose of any household chemicals left over from spring cleaning or yard work at a household hazardous waste collection event in your county. Replace them with environmentally friendly *Safer Choice* products.

APPLY SAFELY

Limit fertilizer usage or use environmentally friendly alternatives when possible. When discharged into waterways with runoff, lawn fertilizers can fuel algae blooms and pesticides can kill aquatic life.



INSPECT

Inspect your septic tank every three years and pump every three to five years. Make sure your sump pump is working properly and install a water alarm in basement in case of flooding.

SCOOP

Pick up pet waste frequently from your yard and always carry a bag to scoop on walks. Pet waste isn't just a nuisance in yards and parks, it's full of bacteria that can make people and aquatic life sick.

