



Top 10 Ways To Protect Our Waterways from Polluted Stormwater Runoff

1. **Never put anything** into a storm drain, drainage ditch, or creek.
2. **Always clean up** after your pet.
3. **Get a free soil test** from the Cooperative Extension to learn the exact nutrients your lawn needs. Don't over-fertilize, fertilize the sidewalk, or fertilize before it rains. Use native plants to reduce fertilizer and pesticide use.
4. **Keep yard waste** out of storm drains, ditches, and streets. Leave grass clippings on the lawn to act as a natural fertilizer.
5. **Put litter** in the trash & reduce, reuse, recycle.
6. **Wash your car** on the grass or take it to a commercial carwash.
7. **Recycle used auto fluids**, like oil and antifreeze, at an auto parts store or the County landfill.
8. **Dispose of chemicals**, like paint and pesticides, at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
9. **Check your** vehicle for leaks and repair them.
10. **Tell a friend or neighbor** how they can help protect our waterways too!