

# Your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Guide For the Whippany River Watershed

How to Make Everyday  
Household Decisions that will  
Protect our Streams, Rivers,  
Lakes and Drinking Water...  
**It's up to you.**



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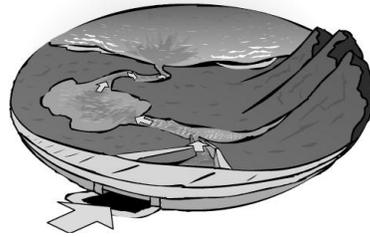
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Stormwater pollution is a form of non-point source pollution, or pollution which comes from everyday activities such as littering, wrongful disposal of household hazardous products, changing motor oil, over fertilizing lawns and improperly managed farmland, washing cars, overuse of pesticide and de-icing. Every day, we make decisions that can result either in water protection or pollution.

Daily actions ranging from changing the oil in the family car to using a household cleaner to treating our lawns can all have an effect on the quality of water that flows from our yards, driveways and roads into storm drains and ultimately our streams, rivers, lakes and surface drinking water.

### Storm Drains



## EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN...

### 1. KNOW YOUR STORM DRAIN

Storm drains are marked with a medallion or stenciled...know where your storm drains are located.



### 2. MANAGE YOUR YARD FOR CLEAN WATER

Do not place piles of leaves, grass or yard waste less than 10 feet from your storm drain. Grass and leaves that are washed down gutters and streets into storm drains make their

way straight to area waterways. Yard debris adds unwanted and damaging nutrients to our streams, rivers and lakes, in addition to clogging storm drains and accelerating flooding. Keep your storm drains clear and clean of yard debris and litter.



Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides. Test your soils to see if you need a fertilizer and don't apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted. When using fertilizers, follow the directions and use slow-release fertilizers to prevent loss of nitrogen.

Reduce your lawn. Use native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers, which require less water and fertilizers. Use native ground cover on slopes and stream banks to reduce run-off of water and erosion.

### 3. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE!

Hazardous products include many household and commercial cleaning products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints in addition to fertilizers and pesticides. Do not dispose of them in storm drains or let materials run into storm drains from your yard or driveway.



Consider using alternatives whenever it's possible. Use and dispose of hazardous waste appropriately:



- Read the product label
- Recycle used motor oil
- Keep your car in good repair to eliminate leaking oil and antifreeze
- Contact the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for hazardous waste recycling and disposal.

Visit their website at [www.mcmua.com](http://www.mcmua.com).

### 4. CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

You are required to clean up your pet's waste in your yard, as well as on the street, along trails and in our parks. Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up pet waste. Dispose of it in a sealed bag for garbage pick-up, in specially marked receptacles in our parks, or flush it down the toilet into our municipal sewage treatment system. Remember, it's still sewage and we don't want it in our streams, river, lakes and drinking water!

