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Car Care Solutions

Our Water. Our Future. Ours to Protect.

Water used for washing cars carries dirt, oil, motor fluids and suds with it. This water can travel over hard surfaces like streets, making its way into storm drains. This unfiltered water flows into local lakes and streams polluting our waterways.



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Earth-Friendly Landscaping

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Landscape with plants native to Michigan. Native plants require less fertilizer and less water. Place mulch about four inches thick around trees and plants to help retain water and reduce weed growth. Only water lawns and landscaping when necessary.



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Clean-up After Pets

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Animal waste contains bacteria, including *E.coli*. This bacteria can be washed into waterways or down storm drains when not properly disposed of, making water unsafe for swimming. Always clean up after pets and dispose of animal waste.



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Storm Drain Care

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Storm water flows over the land and across hard surfaces into storm drains eventually making its way into rivers and lakes. This water is unfiltered and carries with it surface pollutants. Preventing harmful materials from entering storm drains protects our waters.



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Use Fertilizer Sparingly

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Proper fertilizer application can enhance lawns. Fall is the best time for plants to absorb nutrients and strengthen root systems. Wait until the lawn has been mowed twice before fertilizing in the spring.



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Household Hazardous Waste

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Many household products require specific disposal practices to protect the environment and waterways. Cleaners, chemicals, paint, batteries, and oils should be properly stored and disposed using best practices.



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Don't Feed Wildlife

Avoid feeding ducks and geese. Feeding waterfowl causes them to become dependent on humans leading to unnaturally high populations. This affects water quality.

Don't Over Mow

Lawns should be cut to three inches in length. Tall grass holds water better and shades out weeds. Grass clippings also provide natural fertilizer when left to compost naturally.

Use the Car Wash

Car wash facilities treat wastewater before discharging it. This allows the water to be cleaned before reentering the environment.

Use the Proper Product

Fertilizers labeled, "all purpose" or "lawn and garden," contain too much phosphorus. Look for a fertilizer with zero phosphorus.

Only Rain Down the Drain

Never put anything down a storm drain. Dumping waste, leaf litter, oil, chemicals and even soapy water pollutes our waterways.

Use Natural Products

Using biodegradable products reduces pollution and supports sustainable practices. These products are healthier for the environment and safer for our waterways.

Find out more:

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Seven Steps for Cleaner Water



Keep pollutants out of storm drains



Limit the use of fertilizers



Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil



Clean up after your pet



Practice good car care



Choose native plants and environmentally friendly materials for landscaping



Save water