

10 Useful Tips

To Reduce Stormwater Pollution



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1) Gutters, Sidewalks & Curbs

Keep sidewalks, curbs and gutters around your property clean by sweeping up debris and disposing of it in the trash prior to hosing with plain water.

2) Soil & Debris

Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover or mulching exposed areas.

Cover piles of soil, sand or gravel to protect them from rain, wind and runoff.

Sweep or scoop up cement washout or concrete dust instead of hosing into driveways, streets, gutters or storm drains.

3) Yard & Lawn Trimmings

Sweep up grass clippings, fallen leaves, fruits and shrub trimmings and keep them out of the storm drain system.

Do not blow or hose yard waste onto the street or into storm drains.

Use fallen leaves as mulch or for composting.

Use the curbside yard trimming collection program.

4) Used Motor Oil

Have your oil changed by a shop that recycles their waste oil.

If you change your own oil use an oil change box and recycle your oil at the transfer station for a fee, or take to autoparts stores...

Never use old oil to kill weeds or allow oil down the storm drain.

5) Pet Waste

Bring a bag, pick it up, and dispose of it properly, in the toilet or trash.

Do not rinse pet waste down the sidewalks, or curbs into storm drain

6) Paints

Use water-based paint whenever possible.

Clean water-based paints in the sink, or oil-based paints with thinner.

Latex based paint can harden in its container and be disposed of in the trash.

Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers near a storm drain.

7) Pesticides & Fertilizers

Read the product label and use only as directed.

Never apply before a rain.

Store in a covered area in sealed, waterproof containers.

Call (512) 238-0606 to find out about our hazardous household disposal vouchers.

8) Car Washing

Direct wash water to a planted area so the wash water can percolate into the ground.

Use a bucket and or nozzle for your hose to reduce runoff.

Dispose of leftover soapy water (in the bucket) into the toilet or sink.

Use detergent sparingly.

9) Hazardous Waste

Only buy household cleaning products you need and can use.

Purchase less toxic products.

If you are unsure about how to dispose of a material call (512) 238-0606 to find out about our Household Hazardous waste disposal program vouchers.

10) Pool & Spa Water

Do not discharge chlorinated pool or spa water directly into a storm drain.

Direct pool and spa water to a planted area so the water can percolate into the ground.



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