

A Checklist to prevent Stormwater Pollution

Paint and Solvent General Household

- Some household products such as cleaners, insect spray and weed killers, can cause pollution if allowed to drain into a storm sewer.

Paint and Solvent

- Clean water-based paints from rollers, pans and brushes in sinks that go into the sanitary sewer system. Use paint thinner to remove oil based paint from brushes and rollers but do not rinse down sinks or drains.

Automotive

- Keep your autos in good repair and watch for possible leaks. Leaks and spills are to be cleaned up with an absorbent material such as kitty litter. When washing your car use a commercial carwash or, if you do wash your car at home, wash it on the lawn instead of in the driveway or street.

Swimming Pool

- Water containing chlorine is harmful to aquatic life. Swimming pool water can be discharge into the public sewer (sanitary sewer) collection system but not stormwater drains.
- Plan discharge for low-use times of sewer flow such as afternoon or late night.

Lawn and Garden

- Follow directions carefully when using pesticides and fertilizers; don't over water or use before a rainfall. Pesticides and fertilizers adversely impact water quality and aquatic habitat. Mow grass high and let clippings lie.

Pet Care

- Pick-up pet waste as soon as possible and put it in the trash. Pet waste has harmful bacteria that can get into our waterways.