

## Six Easy Ways That You Can Keep Illicit Discharges Out of Our Local Creeks



There are simple steps that we can take to solve the problems that our local waterways face. It is up to YOU, the homeowner and business owners who call Salinas home, to clean it up and to help keep it clean!

1. Used oil, antifreeze, and batteries can be recycled. Clean up any spills immediately—kitty litter or sawdust will absorb the spill. Be sure to sweep these up as well.
2. Wash your car on the grass so that water, detergent, and dirt will be filtered by the soil. Better yet, take your car to a commercial car wash, where the dirty water is sent to the wastewater treatment plant.
3. Empty bottles of household cleansers, pesticides, and weed killer should be disposed of according to label directions.
4. Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing. Grass clippings left in the street are being washed down into the storm sewers and end up in the local waterways where they have the potential to cause algae blooms.
5. Paint brushes used with water based paint can be rinsed in the sink. If you have a small amount of left-over paint in a can, stuff it loosely with newspaper, let the paint dry out completely and put it in the trash.
6. When walking your pet use a bag or use a scooper to clean up your pet's waste. In order to keep animal waste from contaminating our community, anyone who walks a pet should properly dispose of waste by picking it up, wrapping it, and either placing it into the trash or flushing it UNWRAPPED!

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