## DON'T LEAVE YOUR WASTE

## Watershed Protection Program Report Pollution Entering Streams

Stormwater Hotline Number: 930-1999

## 7 TIPS TO PROTECT Watersheds against Pollution

- Check your vehicle regularly for leaks. Recycle used motor oil at a participating oil change businesses.
- 2 Have your septic system inspected regularly. Clean out septic tanks every 3-5 years
- 3 Dispose of pet waste properly by picking up after your pets and flushing it down the toilet or placing it in the trash.
- 4 Wash out paint brushes in the sink. Never clean brushes in areas that lead to a storm drain or a nearby stream.
- 5 Use car wash detergents sparingly. Wash your vehicle on grassy or gravel areas to allow the water to naturally absorb into the ground.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when applying pesticides and fertilizers.
  Apply these products when there is no forecasted rain event that can cause runoff.
- 7 Do not place grass clipping and other yard waste in street gutters or storm drains. Compost or bag yard waste to prevent clogged storm drains that may lead to flooding.

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