

Ten Ways Homeowners Can Improve the Quality of Stormwater Runoff

1. Cover piles of soil, sand or mulch to stop them from being transported in stormwater. Plant grass where soil is exposed.

2. Sweep your sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down.

3. Put leaves and grass clippings in the compost, on the garden as mulch, or mow back into the lawn to recycle nutrients.

4. Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.

5. Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.

6. Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks - better yet, walk, bike or utilize public transportation.

7. Wash your vehicle on grass or over gravel. Use as little detergent as you can and pour any left over soapy water onto the lawn.

8. Dispose of household hazardous waste according to the label directions. Reuse turpentine once the paint has settled.

9. Clean up pet waste - bury it or flush it down the toilet.

