



# Where Do I Fit In? Top Tips For Everyone

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*Polluted stormwater is the result of local land-use policies and our everyday personal actions. However, because our personal choices have such an impact, there are many opportunities for **YOU** to do something about the problem!*

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## The Top To-Dos

The following list offers simple suggestions as to how you can control stormwater impacts on your own property:

### Yard Care

1. Never dump, wash, or rake anything into the path of a stormdrain.
2. Sweep spilled fertilizers, grass clippings, and soil off sidewalks and driveways and back onto the lawn. Sweep, don't hose, the driveway.
3. Water wisely: the lawn is usually happy with 1 inch per week, and that includes rainwater!
4. Divert rooftop runoff to a rain barrel or onto the lawn rather than a driveway. Collected water can even be used for watering plants.
5. Reduce the amount of fertilizers and pesticides that you apply to your lawn. You'll save money, too!

### Home Care

6. Never put hazardous household wastes (paint, paint thinner, oven cleaners, etc.) down stormdrains, indoor drains, or the trash. Call the Eco Depot at 942-1430 x 241.
7. If you have a septic system, have it inspected every year, and have it pumped at least every three to five years.

### Auto Care

8. If you change your own motor oil, recycle the used oil.
9. Wash your vehicle at a designated car wash or on grass—not in the driveway.

### Pet Care

10. Scoop your dog's poop. Then throw it in the trash.
11. Don't feed waterfowl.

## The Two To Live By

Lists can be daunting. So we've come up with the following recommendations to use as a rule-of-thumb:

- **Keep as much water as possible off of paved surfaces**
- **Keep the water that does run off as clean as possible**

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