

# Keep Streams Clean



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By following these five simple rules, you can do your part to keep our rivers and streams clean!

## 1 Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial facility.

Detergent entering the storm drain can harm fish and other aquatic life.



## 2 Use an ashtray.

Do not throw cigarette butts on the ground or down the drain. Cigarette filters are not biodegradable. They harm aquatic life.



## 3 Bag pet waste and put it in the trash.

This keeps harmful bacteria and excess nutrients from washing into the storm drains.



## 4 Keep yard waste out of storm drains.

Yard waste swept into the street can wash into the streams or rivers. As leaves and grass clippings degrade, they rob the water of oxygen. Like people, fish need oxygen too!



## 5 Watch where your fertilizer goes and sweep up when you are finished.

When you over fertilize or leave fertilizer on paved surfaces, it can end up in the stream or river.



**The choices you make affect the water quality in your community!**



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