

#1 GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS & CURBS

Keep sidewalks, curbs and gutters around your property clean by sweeping up debris and disposing of it in the trash prior to hosing with plain water.

#2 SOIL & DEBRIS

Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover or mulching exposed areas. Cover piles of soil, sand or gravel to protect them from rain, wind and runoff. Sweep or scoop up cement washout or concrete dust instead of hosing into driveways, streets, gutters or storm drains.

#3 YARD & LAWN TRIMMINGS

Sweep up grass clippings, fallen leaves, fruits and shrub trimmings and keep them out of the storm drain system. Do not blow or hose yard waste onto the street or into storm drains. Use fallen leaves as mulch or for composting. Use the curbside yard trimming collection program.

#4 USED MOTOR OIL

Have your oil changed by a shop that recycles their waste oil. If you change your own oil, use an oil change box and recycle your oil at the Transfer Station for a fee. Never use old oil to kill weeds or allow oil to go down a storm drain.

#5 PET WASTE

Bring a bag, pick it up, and dispose of it properly, in the toilet or trash. Do not rinse pet waste down the sidewalks or curbs into a storm drain.

#6 PAINTS

Use water-based paint whenever possible. Clean water-based paints in the sink, or oil-based paints with thinner. Latex based paint can harden in its container and be dispose of it in the trash. Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers near a storm drain.

#7 PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS

Read the product label and use only as directed. Never apply before a rain. Store in a covered area in sealed, waterproof containers. Call (512) 930-3640 for information about disposing these materials using our voucher program.

#8 CAR WASHING

Direct wash water to a planted area so the wash water can percolate into the ground. Use a bucket and or nozzle for your hose to reduce runoff. Dispose of leftover soapy water (in the bucket) into a toilet or sink. If runoff cannot be kept on your property, it may be directed into the sanitary sewer clean-out. Use detergent sparingly.

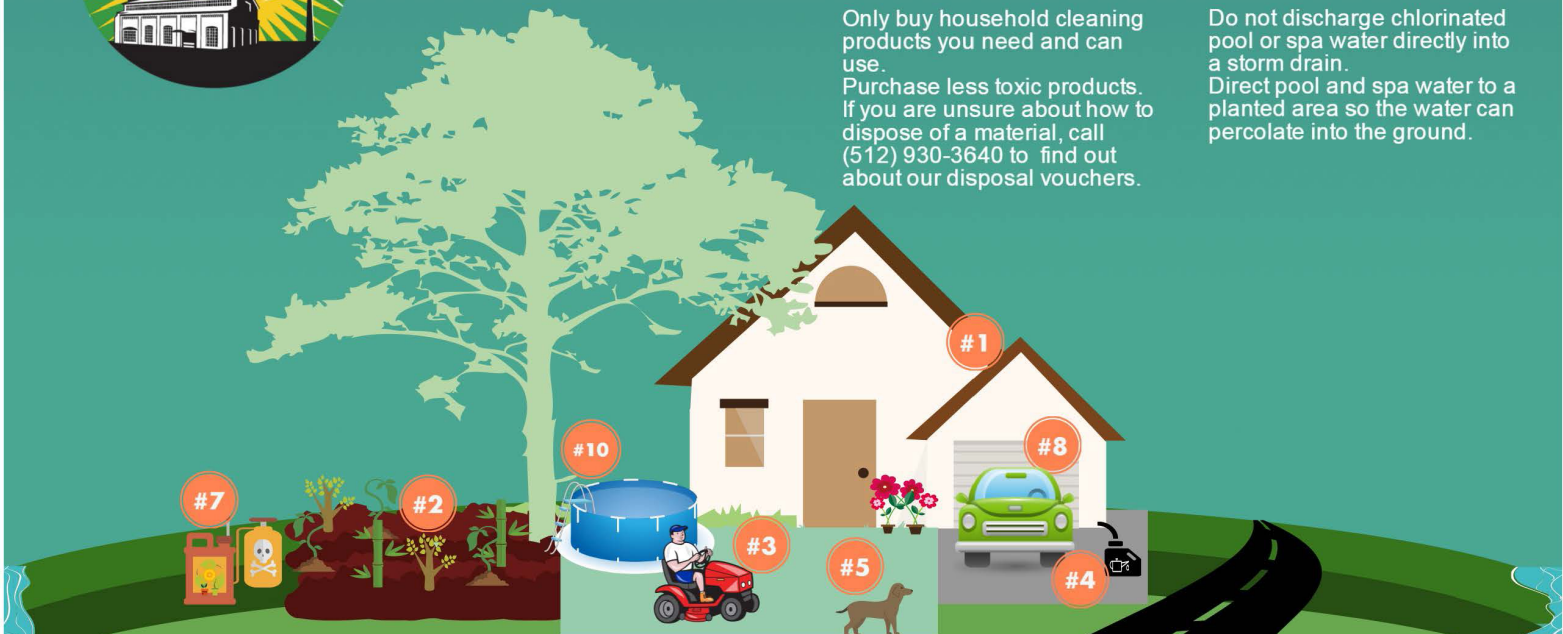


#9 HAZARDOUS WASTE

Only buy household cleaning products you need and can use. Purchase less toxic products. If you are unsure about how to dispose of a material, call (512) 930-3640 to find out about our disposal vouchers.

#10 POOL & SPA WATER

Do not discharge chlorinated pool or spa water directly into a storm drain. Direct pool and spa water to a planted area so the water can percolate into the ground.



USEFUL TIPS

TO REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTION



TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING CALL (512)930-3640

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