

Who is Helping the Watershed?

Even if you live miles away from a river or stream, you can prevent water pollution by making sure that the runoff from your home and garden stays clean. Help Old Man River lighten his load!



Pollution solutions you can do at home.

Control Soil Erosion

Add trees, shrubs, and ground covers to your lawn. Plants prevent soil erosion by keeping the dirt where it belongs... on your yard!

Lawns and Gardens

When using fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, read the label carefully and follow the directions.

Avoid applying pesticides and fertilizers before storms.

Never apply pesticides or fertilizers near wells, streams, and ponds, unless instructions allow for such use.

Environmentally Friendly Alternatives

Leave your grass clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings dramatically reduce the need for chemical fertilizers.

If your lawn is close to a stream, allow vegetation to grow along the waterway to slow runoff and trap sediments and pollutants.

Around Your Home – Household Chemicals

If the label of a household product contains the words "toxic, flammable, caustic, corrosive, caution, danger, warning, or poison," it must be used and stored carefully.

Many chemicals contained in household products are not completely removed by the biological treatment in septic systems or wastewater treatment plants. Buy and use only what you need.

Never bury or dump on the ground any hazardous household wastes.

Environmentally Friendly Alternatives

Baking soda on a damp cloth to scrub sinks.

A mixture of white vinegar and water for cleaning ceramic tile floors, windows, and other glass surfaces.

Borax flakes for washing clothes.

Motor Vehicles

Repair oil, antifreeze, and transmission fluid leaks promptly.

Avoid spills. Keep kitty litter available to help clean spills.

Recycle motor oil.

Pet Waste

Clean up after pets by picking up wastes and either: disposing in the trash, or flushing down the toilet.