

You Can Help Your Watershed!



**We all
live
in a
watershed—
an area of
land that drains
rain and snow
to a stream, lake,
wetland, estuary,
or the ocean.
Pollution
washed from
the land is a
leading reason
why many of
our watersheds
are in trouble.**



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In your home...

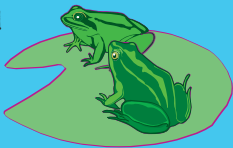
- **Don't let the water run!**
Fix leaks and install water-saving faucets and toilets.
- **Choose environmentally friendly household products.**
- **Maintain your septic tank to prevent leaks from polluting nearby waters.**

In your yard...

- **Use hardy plants that need little water, fertilizers, or pesticides.**
- **Know plant and soil needs before applying garden chemicals.**
- **For decks, patios, and walkways, use surfaces that allow rain to soak in.**

In your community...

- **Don't dump used oil or antifreeze into the storm drain or street. Recycle them!**
- **Pick up after your dog.**
- **Tune up your car and check for leaks. Try walking, biking, and using mass transit.**
- **Get involved in your watershed!**



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