

PREVENT WATER POLLUTION WITH THESE SEVEN ACTIONS

Water pollution that occurs from stormwater runoff is a serious problem for our lakes and rivers.



CUT BACK THE USE OF FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES, AND HERBICIDES

Try planting native plants that won't need chemicals and use compost to help amend the soil.



PUT LITTER IN A TRASH CAN

To prevent rain from carrying trash and litter into drains and streams, toss it in a trash can or recycle bin.



TAKE HAZARDOUS WASTE TO A DROP-OFF SITE

If you have hazardous waste, never dump it down a drain. Instead, take it to the I-66 Transfer Station or I-95 Landfill Complex. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/household-hazardous-waste.



REUSE THE RUNOFF

You can irrigate your garden plants with water that runs off your roof by capturing it in a rain barrel or cistern.



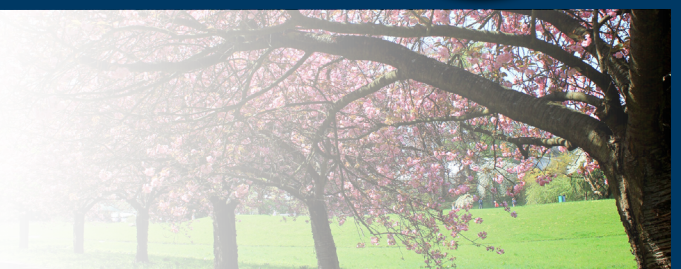
PICK UP YOUR PET'S POOP

Animal waste contains bacteria that can contaminate local streams. So, pick up poop and put it in the trash.



TAKE CARE OF TREES

Tree roots are key in absorbing and filtering water runoff. Their canopies also catch and slow down the rain and spread it over larger areas.



TAKE YOUR CAR TO A CARWASH

Water from commercial car washes goes to a wastewater treatment plant. When you wash your car at home, the soapy water ends up in our environment.



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