



**If it goes down the storm drain
... it ends up in our water.**

Water runs off our buildings, driveways and sidewalks.

Water runs off our yards and gardens.

This water enters the storm drains, untreated...

... and ends up in creeks and the Bay.



Auto Care Tips

Wash your car at a commercial car wash.

Maintain your car regularly, and properly dispose of auto fluids at your local used oil collection center or through the household hazardous waste program.

Clean up leaks and spills using absorbents such as kitty litter. Then promptly dispose of the absorbent at your household hazardous waste facility.

*For more on proper used motor oil disposal see www.recycleusedoil.org.
For household hazardous waste facilities, see www.household-hazwaste.org.*

Lawn & Garden Care Tips

Water only as needed, avoid over-watering and prevent sprinkler water from spilling onto sidewalks and driveways.

Use less toxic alternatives to chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Look for products recommended by Our Water Our World (www.ourwaterourworld.org).

Put leaves and other yard debris in a compost bin.

Pick up animal waste and dispose of it in the garbage.

Home Maintenance Tips

Clean up outdoor spills with a mop or broom, not a hose.

Rinse latex paint brushes in the sink. Dispose of leftover paint and paint thinners at the household hazardous waste facility.

Reduce, reuse and recycle materials, and buy non-toxic products whenever possible.

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Member Agencies:
Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City; the County of Alameda, the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Zone 7 Water Agency.

Having clean and healthy waterways is important to our daily lives. The Clean Water Program fosters an appreciation of the local environment, inspiring people to do their part to prevent water pollution during everyday activities.

Learn more about preventing water pollution and the Clean Water Program at www.cleanwaterprogram.org.

Protecting Alameda County Creeks, Wetlands & the Bay



You can prevent pollution of our creeks and the Bay!