

CLEAN WATER NEW JERSEY

Vehicle & Garage Tips: Your everyday activities can affect water quality. Help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our waterways by following the tips below.

- Take your car to a service center to change oil or antifreeze. If you do change your own oil or antifreeze, do it in a garage, never on the street. Use a self-contained oil pan and discard the oil at a local service center for recycling. NEVER discard oil, gas or antifreeze into a stormwater drain. Antifreeze should be discarded at a household hazardous waste facility.
- Visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rntp/hhweps.htm for a list of local household hazardous waste facilities.
- If you spill hazardous fluids, contain it immediately with rags or cat litter. Clean up the spill and properly dispose of the waste.
- Check your car for leaks and schedule regular tune-ups. If you find leaks or drips, have your car repaired.
- Store hazardous materials properly to prevent spills. Store them in the original closed container.



In The Home

- Shop for nonhazardous, biodegradable and phosphorous-free household cleaning products.
- If you use water-based paints, rinse paint brushes in the sink. If you use oil-based paints, you can filter and reuse the thinner used to clean brushes. Dispose of thinner through a local household hazardous waste program.

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- Sweep up dirt and debris and discard on your lawn or in the trash. Hosing off pavement washes pollutants into storm drains, which may lead to local creeks, bays and the ocean.
- Rather than wash your car in your driveway, on the street or in your yard, take it to a local car wash. This not only conserves water but also eliminates the running off of harmful pollutants.
- Keep trash cans closed to prevent trash from scattering.
- If you use hazardous substances such as paints, solvents and cleaners, use them sparingly, according to the directions. Store properly to avoid spills.
- If you are working on a home improvement project, dispose of drywall and hardened concrete and mortar in the trash or visit www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/classb.htm for a list of recycling centers. Do not rinse concrete or mortar from a bucket or wheelbarrow into the street; dilute the mixture with water and rinse it into an area with vegetation or gravel.
- Participate in local recycling programs. To find out more about recycling in your area, visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/index.html.



- Dispose of unwanted chemicals at a household hazardous waste collection center in your area. Never pour hazardous materials into the street, sewer or the storm drain.

For more information, visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rntp/hhweps.htm.

- Eliminate or, at least, reduce the use of soaps and shampoos when using outdoor showers that drain to the street.

