

NON-POINT POLLUTION

Everyday, our waterways, ground water and oceans are contaminated as a result of everyday activities. This “non-point” pollution is caused by routine activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking the dog, changing the motor oil in our cars, and littering.

A few simple changes in our day-to-day routine will help keep the environment clean and healthy:

Litter: Place all litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles.

Fertilizers: Avoid over-using fertilizers on your property, and never fertilize before a heavy rainfall.

Pesticides: Many pesticides are toxic to humans, animals, and plants. Always follow the label directions carefully, and try to use alternative products when possible.

Household Products: Many household items such as shampoo, cleaning products, cosmetics, etc. contain toxic ingredients. Use natural, less toxic products whenever possible.

Motor Oil: All used motor oil should be recycled at a local recycling site as it contains toxic chemicals that is harmful to humans and animals as well.

Car Washing: Wash your car at a commercial car wash which recycles the water. Use a non-phosphate detergent when you wash the car at home.

Pet Waste: Pet waste contains bacteria and viruses, and should be disposed of in the garbage or toilet.

Septic Systems: The septic tank should be inspected annually and pumped out every 3-5 years to avoid contamination of ground water and subsequent public health problems.