



# ARE YOU PART OF THE POLLUTION SOLUTION?

CLEAN WATER IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. We all have a role in getting & keeping our lakes, rivers streams, marine and ground waters clean. But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water—and that adds up to a pollution solution!

**DISPOSE OF PET WASTE**  
Dispose of pet waste properly. Pet waste left in yards can be a pollutant to water in creeks, rivers, and lakes.

**PLAN WHAT YOU PLANT**  
Your plants will attract pests. Minimize this problem by growing plants native to Texas, which are more resistant to pests and require less insecticides and pesticides.

**DISCARDING TRASH OR YARD WASTE**  
Never discard trash or yard waste down storm drains or in the street. Do not sweep yard waste into the street.

**MAINTAIN YOUR VEHICLES**  
**WASH CARS WITH BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS**  
Properly maintain your vehicles to prevent oil and gasoline leaks. If you change your own oil, don't dump the used oil on the ground or in the trash. Take used oil to the Lockhart Recycling Center.  
Washing cars: If you wash your car at home, use biodegradable products.

**USE CHEMICALS SAFELY**  
Use lawn chemicals safely. Always follow label instructions and never apply before rain or watering the lawn.

**GO ORGANIC + LIMIT PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS**  
Go 'mostly' organic in your lawn and garden. By going mostly organic in your garden, you'll help to stimulate beneficial soil organisms, reduce harmful wastewater runoff, and create a healthier place for your pets and children to play.  
Limit the use of pesticides and fertilizers in your yard. Try using biodegradable products that do not harm the environment whenever possible.

**COMPANION PLANTING**  
This is a great way of working with nature. Some plants emit chemicals which repel pests. As an example, tomatoes repel caterpillars from diamondback moths, which like to chew on cabbage leaves. So, instead of using a pesticide for moths on cabbage, try planting the cabbage near your tomatoes.



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