

Home Improvement Projects



Concrete:

Sweep up concrete, aggregate or other dust and waste materials for disposal in the garbage. DO NOT rinse down the gutter or driveway. Concrete mixes have chemicals that will poison creek life.

Paint:

Rinse any latex paint-contaminated brushes and rollers in the sink, not out of doors (send it to the sanitary treatment plant and NOT the creek). Take paint thinner, solvents, and other chemicals to a household toxics facility.

Barbeque Grill:

Avoid cleaning grills onto paved areas that can be rinsed into gutters and creeks. Burnt food buildup on the grill is poisonous to animals in the creek, even in low concentrations.



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ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN



...saving our environment one home at a time...



Home and Garden Tips

Yard

Keep the trash can area clean. Any garbage on the ground can be blown into a waterway and pollute our creeks.



Keep lawn and yard clippings away from gutters and storm drains. If they reach creeks they decompose in the water and rob the aquatic life of oxygen.

Minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides in the garden. If you must use them, choose less-toxic alternatives. Apply in dry weather and water sparingly after use in order to keep fertilizers and pesticides in the garden.



Dispose of animal waste properly; flush it down the toilet or throw it in a trash can.

Parking Area & Garage



Keep your yard, household, and automotive chemicals stored in a cool, dry place without leaks. Household toxic waste must be recycled or properly disposed of to prevent pollution.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean parking areas. After using kitty litter or other absorbent material to soak up auto leaks on concrete, sweep and dispose of it properly.

Recycle used oil, antifreeze, oil filters, and other household toxics.

For household hazardous waste collection drive dates call **1-866-954-8837** or visit <http://www.swaco.org/>

When possible, use a commercial car wash. These businesses recycle the water and have ways to clean the runoff.



When you wash your car at home, consider using little or no soap (even biodegradable soaps don't break down soon enough to avoid killing organisms in the stream and in the soil).

Try to wash on gravel or grass.

Dispose of extra soapy water in a sink or toilet.