



OPEN THE DOOR TO CLEAN WATER

- Never dump anything down the storm drain!
 - Recycle motor oil at service stations.
 - Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes (pesticides, fertilizers, paints, etc.) at the Monroe County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 753-7600, Option 3, for an appointment.
 - Use low or no phosphorous lawn fertilizer and apply in early autumn for best results. Identify weeds and pests and use the least toxic control methods (select pest-resistant plant varieties, hand pull weeds, etc.). Avoid broadcast applications of pesticides. Instead, spot treat problem areas only.
 - Clean up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. Do not flush the bag.

To learn more about reducing stormwater pollution, visit the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County website:
www.thestormwatercoalition.org
or visit www.h2ohero.org



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You live in the most important watershed in the world — the Great Lakes Watershed. A watershed is an area of land that drains rain and snowmelt to a body of water.

In our community, stormwater runoff is the source of 80% of our water pollution problems. When it rains, stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, sidewalks, roads, and parking lots on its way to the nearest entrance into the storm sewer system. Along the way, stormwater picks up motor oil, fertilizers, pesticides, and pet waste. In most cases, the stormwater system discharges this polluted runoff to the nearest body of water with no treatment.

