HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Recycle or properly dispose of products that contain chemicals, such as pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains. Residents can use the county Household Hazardous Waste facility for disposal of these products.

For more information call the HHW Hotline! 303-441-4800

Support PACE certified businesses who engage in waste reduction, recycling, and water protection.

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ACTIVITY	YOU CAN HELP!
Lawn and Garden When it rains, fertilizer runs off your lawn into storm drains and streams and can harm people and animals. 	▶ Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose or drip irrigation instead of a sprinkler. ▶ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. ▶ Don't fertilize before it rains. ▶ Consider using natural fertilizers such as compost or bonemeal. ▶ Select pest-resistant plants or try companion planting to reduce the need for garden chemicals. ▶ Store landscaping materials or soil onsite, not in the street or paved area. Prevent soil from washing into the storm drain.
Home Construction and Maintenance Dirt from construction sites can cause excessive amounts of sediment and debris to be carried into storm drains. 	▶ Sweep up litter and dirt from sidewalks and driveways. ▶ When pressure washing outside on a hard surface, collect all water and pour into an indoor drain. ▶ Prevent dirt from leaving the construction site. Seed and mulch bare areas as soon as possible. ▶ Dispose of paint and cleaning materials properly. Call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 303-441-4800.
Auto Care Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. 	▶ Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water soaks into the ground. ▶ If a spill occurs, use cat litter or sawdust to soak up fluid; then put it in the trash. ▶ Pour soapy water down the sink, not on the street. ▶ Recycle vehicle maintenance products. Call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 303-441-4800 for information on materials accepted.
Septic Systems/Onsite Wastewater System (OWS) Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens (bacteria and viruses) that can be picked up by stormwater and discharged into nearby bodies of water. Pathogens can cause public health problems and environmental concerns.	▶ Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3 to 5 years). ▶ Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets. Call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 303-441-4800. ▶ Visit bouldercountywater.org for more information.
Pet Waste Pet waste contains bacteria that can end up in local waterways. 	▶ When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and wrap it securely before putting it in the trash.

ONLY RAIN TO THE DRAIN!

Pollutants from everyday activities can be washed into storm drains during rain, snowmelt, or lawn watering events. Remember -

"Keep it clean, 'cause we're all downstream!"

To report spills, call:

303.441.4444

FURTHER RESOURCES

Watershed Approach to Stream Health (WASH)
www.BASIN.org/WASH
303-441-1439

Partners for A Clean Environment (PACE)
www.pacepartners.com
303-441-1914

League of Women Voters
Colorado Water Protection Project
www.ourwater.org

Colorado Department of
Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
www.cdphe.state.co.us
303.692.3517

Nonpoint Source Colorado
www.npscolorado.com

Spill Hotline
303.441.4444

Household Hazardous Waste Hotline
303.441.4800

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