

# WHAT YOU CAN DO . . . ABOUT STORM DRAINS



*Everything that goes  
down a storm drain flows into  
our lakes and streams.*

**Help keep our rivers, lakes,  
and beaches clean**



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### What can I do to keep rainwater from carrying hazardous materials down a storm drain?

- **Sweep extra fertilizer, grass clippings, and dirt on your driveway back onto your lawn**  
Hosing down your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead to lakes, streams, and beaches.
- **Only allow rain to go down the drain**  
Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, leaves, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our lakes and streams.
- **Label your stormdrains**  
Volunteer to label storm drains in your neighborhood to inform residents that storm drains flow directly to lakes and streams. Contact your local community for more information on storm drain labeling programs.

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