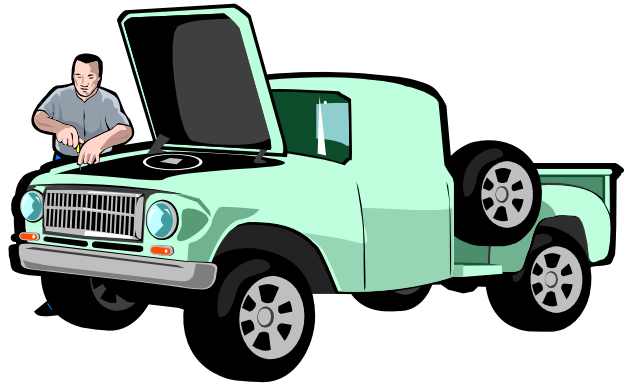


Tips for Homeowners: Keeping our Water Clean

Maintaining Your Vehicle

Automobile repair and maintenance activities can contribute pollutants directly to storm drain systems primarily through spills or the dumping of waste fluids. Automotive fluids, such as oils, greases, and solvents may contain metals, chlorinated hydrocarbons, and other toxic compounds which are harmful to the environment and to human health. Removal of caked dirt and grime from an automobile can contribute to clogging of the storm drain system.



What You Can Do:

- ♣ Recycle used oil and antifreeze by taking them to service stations and other recycling centers. **NEVER** pour oil down storm drains. Dispose of cleaning solvents at a designated regulated waste collection center.
- ♣ Immediately clean up and contain any spills. Dispose of all waste and adsorbent materials properly.
- ♣ Store regulated materials and wastes (including, but not limited to, fluids, solvents, parts containing fluids, batteries) indoors, under cover, or in watertight containers.
- ♣ Perform automobile maintenance and repairs over impervious surfaces such as concrete, so spills and waste material can be readily cleaned up. Use drip pans, plastic sheeting, etc. to contain spills and waste material.
- ♣ Monitor parked or stored vehicles and equipment for leaks and place pans under leaks to collect fluids for proper disposal or recycling.

For more information, visit the RRSEP web site at www.rivanna-stormwater.org.

