

How to Stay Green

Tips for keeping our waterways healthy in Spring.



When you mow your lawn, don't dispose of grass clippings down a storm drain. Grass clippings degrade water quality. Leave them on your lawn or compost them.



Plant Native Species.

Natives are drought resistant and hardy.



Use moderation when applying lawn products such as fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. Better yet, get your soil tested, fertilize only in the fall, and look into non-chemical products to protect your lawn.

Pick up after your pet.

Pet waste left outside washes into stormdrains and waterways.



Install a rain barrel or two.

Collecting the rainwater that runs off your roof saves water and helps manage the impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and stream health.



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