



## Storm Water Pollution

Simple Every Day

Things You Can Do

Keeping our city and environment clean is a priority to the City of Wooster. Here are a few simple tips that you can do to help.

1. **Don't Litter!** Reduce, reuse, recycle. Litter in lawns, parking areas and streets will wash into the storm sewer and eventually find its ways to creeks, streams and rivers. Be sure to place your trash in plastic bags and take advantage of curbside recycling program.
2. **Fertilize Sparingly!** Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly, for they have a tendency to wash off and pollute. Try to use organic chemicals as often as possible.
3. **Compost!** Yard waste can be composted and/or mulched. Do not sweep leaves or grass clippings into street or sidewalk. In the fall, rake your leaves onto the tree lawn for municipal pickup.
4. **Pick up after Pets!** Clean up pet droppings and dispose of in proper receptacles, such as a trash can or toilet. Leaving pet waste on the ground can cause harmful bacteria and nutrients to be swept through the storm drains to our waterways.
5. **Maintain Vehicles!** Check your vehicle for any leaks that could pollute the waterways. Maintain, tune-up and repair vehicles in a consistent manner on grass or gravel, and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off locations. Use minimum detergent/soap when washing your car; even better, wash your vehicle at a car wash, not in your driveway.

Remember: **WHEN IT RAINS - IT DRAINS**

