

Who causes water pollution?

People like you and me!

You see, when rain or water from garden hoses and sprinklers flows over our streets and yards, it carries pollutants into the storm drains; pollutants like motor oil, pesticides, paints, grass clippings, and pet waste. In most places, whatever goes down a storm drain flows directly - without treatment - into local creeks, streams, and rivers, and eventually to the ocean, threatening water quality for humans and wildlife.



Here's the good news - **YOU** are the solution to water pollution! Here are some things you can do to make a difference:

- Use fertilizer and pesticides sparingly
- Recycle vehicle maintenance products
- Scoop the poop and wrap securely and put in the trash
- Keep gutters clean and free of debris
- Wash cars on your lawn or gravel if possible

For more information: www.lavwcd.org/education.htm or call 719-254-5115.