



"FIN"AGIN'S STORM WATER WORLD

HOW KIDS CAN HELP

Storm water pollution is a big problem that affects everyone. It may seem like a problem too big for one person to fix. But if everyone does what he or she can do, then we can all make a difference.

If you see your family car leaking oil everywhere, tell your parents it needs to get fixed. Remember, never pour automotive fluids down a storm drain or dump them on the ground. Take these fluids to the city's approved recycle collection site.



Make sure to clean up after your dog or cat in your yard or when you take it out for a walk. Pet waste often contains bacteria, viruses and parasites, which can contaminate the water if they get into the storm drain system.

Never dump grass clippings in a storm drain. Instead, build a compost pile in your backyard. Compost piles help the soil absorb and keep nutrients and moisture.

Never use fertilizer or pesticide on a windy day or when you know it's going to rain. Using more fertilizer or pesticide than the amount indicated by the directions on the product label will only be carried off by the rain or by the wind and end up in the storm drain.

Convince your parents and neighbors to use less water when they wash their cars. Ask them to not let the hose run constantly, but use water only when they need it. Also, ask them to use a bucket with water and soap to wash the car and then drain the dirty\soapy water down the sink or in the grass. Try to avoid washing your car in the driveway, better yet, take your car to the commercial carwash where the water goes through the wastewater system is treated and cleaned.

Throw all your trash in a garbage can and not on the street, sidewalk, dirt or grass.

Convince your parents to drive less. Try planning trips to the store, gas station, mall or other places in a path so you waste less gas and time. The shorter the trips, the less the air is polluted.

