

# NO ROOM FOR MONSTERS IN OUR WATERWAYS!!

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# The Monsters of the Waterways



Please...  
Save our home

Can you think of other ways  
to keep the "Monsters" out of  
our water systems? Let us know!

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# Did you know that "monsters" are growing in our neighborhood waterways?

These "monsters" are wastes such as

- fertilizers & pesticides
- gasoline & oil
- heavy metals
- animal & yard wastes

# How do they get into our water?

Rainwater (also called stormwater) washes these wastes from lawns and pavements into ditches, low spots, and storm drains (sewers) and then into our streams, creeks, rivers, oceans, ponds and lakes. All those wastes make the water dirty! Sometimes they kill the plants and animals living there.

# You can STOP these monsters BEFORE they start! Here's how:



- Take used gasoline, chemicals or motor oils to recycle centers. Never pour them onto the ground or into the water. Clean up spills from pavements and roadways.
- Use natural fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides and use only small amounts. Use them only when necessary and avoid using them near the water's edge.
- Keep grass clippings, leaves and branches away from ditches and storm drains.
- Keep all trash out of waterways and dispose of it properly. Items such as paper, plastic bags, 6-pack rings and fishing lines are very dangerous to all wildlife. Fish, birds and other animals may get tangled up or choke on them.
- Keep our waterways healthy—do your part to keep them clean!



we all live downstream