

*Learn more about water conservation, stormwater quality  
or watershed education programs by calling  
the Watershed Outreach Program at*

**303-413-7365**

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**Protect our water.**

**Source to tap.**

## Did you know?

*Someone else uses  
your water –  
before and after you!*

It's hosed, flushed, boated on, fished, bathed in, drunk, and more. In fact, water is used and cleaned many times over as it makes its way through our state. While the City treats the water before it gets to your house, your role in protecting water quality is critical. Three common sources of contaminants threaten our water everyday:

Pet Waste  
Lawn & Garden Products  
Vehicle Maintenance



### **Pet Waste**

Pet waste can contain bacteria that's carried in rainwater and snowmelt – ending up untreated in Colorado's lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands.

#### **You Can Help**

**Next time you walk your dog:**

- Use a plastic bag or pooper-scooper
- Wrap pet waste securely and put it in the trash



### **Lawn & Garden**

When it rains, fertilizer runs off your lawn into storm drains and streams, which can be harmful to humans and animals.

#### **You Can Help**

**In caring for your lawn:**

- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Don't fertilize before a rain
- Consider using natural fertilizers such as compost or bonemeal
- Select pest-resistant plants or try companion planting to reduce the need for garden chemicals



### **Vehicle Maintenance**

Motor oil, petroleum, antifreeze, transmission fluid, engine cleaner and battery acid can be a disaster in our water.

#### **You Can Help**

**Next time you work on your vehicle:**

- If a spill occurs use cat litter or sawdust to soak up fluid then put it in the trash
- Pour soapy water down the sink, not on the street
- Recycle vehicle maintenance products. Call Household Hazardous Waste Hot-line at 303-441-4800 for information on materials accepted.



*Keep it clean,  
'cause we're  
all downstream.*

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