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IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

Spring rains funnel runoff down paved surfaces and into storm sewers that carry it to our waterways.

These simple tips can help protect our waterways this spring.

- Remove pet waste and trash from streets, sidewalks and driveways and put it into the garbage



- Clean gutters regularly. Put leaves in your compost pile or bag them for collection with other yard trimmings
- Direct water from your downspouts away from your house and paved surfaces and onto your lawn
- Remove debris such as trash, leaves and grass clippings away from catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways



- Whenever possible, use environmentally friendly, biodegradable products when cleaning outside
- **DO NOT** dump household waste such as paint, cleaning products, motor oils, antifreeze and other hazardous materials into catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways



- Dispose of hazardous waste properly with the County's Household Material Recovery Days. Visit <http://environment.westchestergov.com/household-recycling-days> for specific dates and locations
- Always read and follow label directions when using lawn care products and disposing of their containers

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- **DO NOT** apply lawn care products to frozen ground – wait until the grass starts growing



- Sweep up and reuse any lawn care products that fall on paved surfaces
- Minimize the use of fertilizers near catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways
- Use phosphorus free fertilizers whenever possible



- Use pesticides sparingly – more is not better
- Wash your car on the lawn using environmentally safe cleaners, or better yet, take it to the car wash



- **DO NOT** drain chemically treated swimming pools into catch basins or drainage ditches. Pool water should be held until chlorine levels are acceptable enough to discharge to catch basins and drainage ditches



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