

Help Stop Pointless Pollution.

Be a Part of the Cleanup
of the Waterways in the
Tennessee Valley.

Clean water is important to all of us. In recent years, sources of water pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now, more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from sources like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. Each of us can do our part to help clean up our water.

Why do we need clean water?

Clean water is important to our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, fish habitat, drinking water, and adds beauty to our landscape. Everyone benefits from clean water.



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Did we get your attention? *Good.*

We take contaminated stormwater runoff seriously because clean water IS everyone's business. In the interest of public health and safety, join in the effort to keep our waterways pure.



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Leaking oil goes from your car to the street and is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, streams and bays. Imagine the number of cars in your community and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water. So please, fix oil leaks.

What's the problem with motor oil?

Oil does not dissolve in water. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. One pint of oil can make a slick larger than a football field. Oil that leaks from our cars onto roads and driveways is washed into storm drains, or directly into our lakes, streams or marine water. Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollutants (over 180 million gallons per year), in our lakes, streams and rivers.



How can you prevent
motor oil pollution and
help keep our waters
clean?

- Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground or into a ditch. To recycle it, you may drop off used oil, gasoline, and other household chemicals at no charge on the second Saturday of each month from 9 A.M. - noon at the Public Works Complex. Plus, many auto supply stores and gas stations will accept used oil.
- Check for oil leaks regularly. Use drip pans beneath your car if you have leaks and keep it tuned to reduce oil use.
- Use ground cloths while performing engine work. Clean up spills immediately. Collect all used oil in containers with tight fitting lids.
- Buy recycled (re-refined) motor oil to use in your car.