

Stormwater Pollution Solutions, What You Can Do!

Household Hazardous Waste

- Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. **Never** pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.
- Bring household products to the Town of Groton Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Flanders Road Transfer Station or other regional Household Hazardous Waste collection events. Click on this link for specific dates and times of the Groton and other regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

Lawn Care

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly; avoid applying them before a rainstorm, and use organic, slow-release fertilizers.
- Choose native plants and grasses. They require less water, fertilizer and pesticides.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Leaves (no plastic bags or grass) may be brought to the Flanders Road Transfer Station.
- Don't bag grass clippings. Use a mulching lawn mower and naturally fertilize your lawn with the grass clippings.

Auto Care

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater or wash your car on a grass or gravel area so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Check your car often for drips and oil leaks and fix them promptly. Don't hose leaks into the storm drain, use kitty litter or sand to absorb and dispose of properly. Use drip pans if necessary.
- Dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations including the Flanders Road Transfer Station.

Pet Waste

- Scoop up pet waste and dispose of properly. Flushing pet waste is the best method because then our sanitary sewer system treats the waste. Never dump pet waste into a storm drain.
- Dog waste stations are located at the following locations in Groton: Poquonnock Plains Park, Farquhar Park, Esker Point Waterfront Park, and the Copp Property Park.

Be part of the solution. It's up to all of us to keep our lakes, rivers, and Long Island Sound clean. Polluted stormwater runoff can be reduced significantly if everyone incorporates these small preventative measures into their regular everyday activities.



**“If It Goes On the Ground,
It Goes In the Sound.”**