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# Improving the Water Quality of Your City

## *Stormwater Management at Home*

**Everyday activities at home can have big impacts on our city's waterways. Changes we make can help keep our waterways beautiful!**

## Residential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

**Lawn Chemicals:** Over use of fertilizers and pesticides can lead to run off during rain storms and damage aquatic systems. Not only are these chemicals toxic, but they can contribute to raising nutrient levels in waterways, which can kill aquatic life. Make sure to apply only as needed, and according to instructions.



**Household Waste:** Common trash, including Styrofoam and plastics, can damage waterways by affecting habitat, changing flow patterns, introducing pollutants from left over materials, and blocking infrastructure. Make sure to secure trash and recycling cans lids tight, and pick up any wayward trash that may enter your yard.



**Yard Waste:** Allowing cut tree limbs and leaves to pile up in roadside ditches can negatively impact stormwater both by clogging up driveway culverts and roadside catch basins and by increasing nutrients levels in streams. When leaving these materials for roadside pickup, make sure that they are safely away from ditches.



**Vehicle Fluids:** Leaking vehicle fluids are a significant source of stormwater pollution. The rainbow sheen seen on the ground during rain is an example of this. Inspect and repair your vehicles regularly to catch any leaks, and dispose of used fluids from household repairs properly.



**Pet Waste:** Pet waste left neglected near roadside ditches and streams can elevate nutrient levels and pathogens, such as *E. coli*, to the aquatic ecosystem. Picking up after your pet, and properly disposing of their waste, has both environmental and aesthetic values, which will help out the city's stormwater and the bottom of your shoes!



For more information, Contact City of Franklin Engineering at (615)-791-3218.

Report all pollution concerns to: [www.franklintn.gov/stormwaterconcerns](http://www.franklintn.gov/stormwaterconcerns)

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