



## WNY Stormwater Coalition

### **WHAT IS STORMWATER?**

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground and eventually runs off into waterways.

### **WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?**

Stormwater runoff can collect pollutants such as animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil or grease, and debris from streets, sewer drains, rooftops, and sloped lawns.

## **THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION**

**General Household:** Whenever possible, use nontoxic products.



Do **not** dispose of chemicals in household drains or stormdrains.

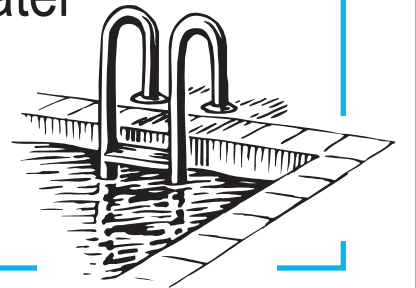
**Paint and Solvent:** Water based paint is best, but when using oil based paint, dispose of properly, not down the sink drain or at the curb.



**Automotive:** Keep an eye on any possible leaks your automobile may have. Take any extra fluids to the household hazardous waste collection.



**Swimming Pool and Spa:** Check with the municipality before draining water with chlorine into a storm sewer or ditch.



**Lawn and Garden:** Use the proper amount of water listed in the directions when using pesticides or fertilizers. Dispose of the chemicals properly.



**Pet Care:** Pet waste can contaminate the water supply if not picked up as soon as possible.



**Contact Erie County's Household Hazardous Waste Program for disposal recommendations on the products listed above.**

**858-6800**

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