

WHAT HAPPENS ON YOUR PROPERTY

# AFFECTS OUR FRESHWATER

Small actions we do on our property can pollute our water resources. Some of these actions include:



## Fertilizing your lawn

Dispenses excess nutrients into our water and harms wildlife and water quality.



## Washing your car in your driveway

This carries motor oil and gasoline into our waters and pollutes wildlife habitat.



## Overwatering your lawn

Causes more runoff which carries pollutants throughout our watershed, damaging the environment.



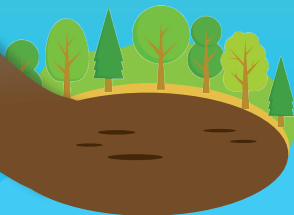
## Leaving pet waste

Deposits harmful bacteria into our waterways when it rains. This harms aquatic life and can close public beaches.



## Using salt for winter ice

Excess salt used for winter ice drastically lowers soil quality.



These pollutants from our actions end up in our bodies of water and greatly affects human, wildlife and environmental health.

**Little Actions. Big Difference.**

# **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP**

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- **Use fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicide sparingly and according to the label.**



- **Don't wash your car in your driveway - instead, use a car wash or wash your car on the grass.**



- **Use rain barrels or drip irrigation to water your lawn - or water your lawn during off-peak heat times of the day.**



- **As a responsible pet owner, always pick up after your pet.**



- **Use less salt for winter ice - or use a brine solution or salt substitute product instead.**



- **Locate your nearest storm drain and help keep it clear of debris.**

