








WHAT EVERY ‘DO-IT-YOURSELF-ER’ CAN DO TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Did you know that driving, gardening, walking your pet, and merely living and working in buildings can impact water quality? Rain and snowmelt carry harmful chemicals and sediment through our storm sewers directly into our waterways without treatment.

<p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up pet waste and throw it in the trash. • Never dump anything in storm drains. • Don't litter! • Store materials in sheltered areas or in waterproof, covered containers. • Keep hard surfaces free of sediment, garbage, landscaping debris, and other materials that will contaminate runoff. 	<p style="text-align: center;">LANDSCAPING</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use lawn chemicals sparingly. • Unless soil tests show otherwise, use phosphorous-free fertilizer (“0” as the middle number) and apply them in the fall at the correct rate, and never before a rain. • Direct down spouts away from hard surfaces and toward vegetated areas.
<p style="text-align: center;">VEHICLE CARE</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid spilling gas. • Recycle used oil and dispose of used vehicle fluids properly. • Use a commercial car wash or wash vehicles in areas connected to the sanitary sewer. • Keep vehicles and equipment in good repair. Until they can be repaired, contain leaks by using drip pans, kitty litter, or sawdust and dispose of the fluid and absorbent. 	<p style="text-align: center;">CONSTRUCTION</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">If you like this:</p>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Don't do this:</p>  </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Help Keep Our Water Clean</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">KEEP SEDIMENT & GARBAGE <u>ON</u> CONSTRUCTION SITES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO tracking mud or debris off site NO destruction of erosion & sediment control devices YES use the stabilized vehicle entrances YES contain construction debris YES protect, maintain, & repair erosion & sediment control devices <p style="font-size: small;">Call 287-1900 for more information www.rochesterny.gov/stormwater</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install and maintain adequate erosion control measures to keep dirt on site. • Collect construction debris and dispose of it properly.