

SUMMER STORMWATER TIPS

TO PROTECT OUR WATERSHED

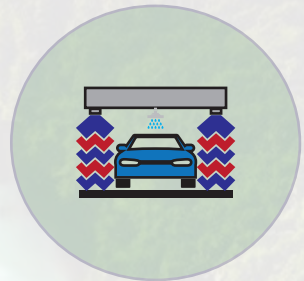


CONSERVE

Lawns only need about one inch of rain a week, so only water your yard when necessary. Make sure to avoid watering in the middle of the day (which can lead to wasteful evaporation).

WASH

When you wash your car in the driveway or road, the soap, wax, oil and grease washes into storm drains. It's best to use a commercial facility that captures and reuses waste water before sending it to the sanitary sewer.



PLANT

Plant deep-rooted native plants that soak up rain runoff and provide food and habitat for pollinators. Learn more at mywatersheds.org/rain-garden-101.

MOW

Set your mower to keep grass at least 3 inches tall. This helps promote healthy root growth which slows the rate of runoff, absorbs more water, and suppresses weeds.



CLEAR

Clear grass clippings and other yard waste from paved surfaces. Blow or sweep it off sidewalks, and never direct lawn mower discharge into the street.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer for local stream monitoring events and river clean-ups. Visit mywatersheds.org/events to stay up to date on volunteer opportunities.

