

TOP TEN WAYS TO PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS WATER

PROTECT THE RIVER :

1. NEVER THROW ANYTHING DOWN THE STORM DRAINS. EVERYTHING THAT GOES INTO THESE DRAINS FLOWS STRAIGHT TO THE RIVER!



2. PLASTIC AND PLASTIC BAGS - PLASTIC AND PLASTIC BAGS DON'T DEGRADE QUICKLY OVER TIME. IF THEY END UP IN THE RIVER, THEY CAN KILL FISH. RECYCLE PLASTIC AND USE CLOTH BAGS INSTEAD OF PLASTIC BAGS.



3. FATS AND GREASE - IF YOU POUR FATS AND GREASE DOWN YOUR SINK, THEY CLOG UP YOUR PIPES, AND THEY CLOG UP THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY TOO! REFRIGERATE THEM IN A HEAT PROOF CONTAINER. WHEN THEY ARE SOLID, WRAP THE CONTAINER OF GREASE IN A BAG, AND THROW IT IN THE GARBAGE CAN.

4. DOG POOP - PICK UP DOG POOP SO IT DOESN'T WASH INTO THE STORM DRAINS WHICH FLOW STRAIGHT INTO THE RIVER. WE DON'T WANT THAT BACTERIA IN OUR RIVER.



5. FERTILIZER - FERTILIZERS CAN WASH FROM YOUR GRASS AND PLANTS INTO THE STORM DRAINS WHERE THEY GO STRAIGHT TO THE RIVER. FERTILIZERS IN OUR RIVER CAUSE ALGAE TO THRIVE WHICH CAN KILL FISH. USE MINIMAL AMOUNTS OF FERTILIZERS, AND DON'T OVERWATER.

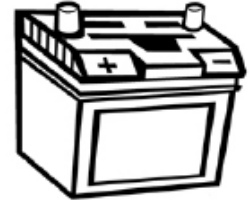


6. MEDICINE - MEDICINES POURED OR FLUSHED DOWN THE DRAIN WILL ULTIMATELY END UP IN THE WATER. ADD FLOUR, SAWDUST, OR KITTY LITTER TO LIQUID MEDICINES, WRAP IN A BAG, AND THROW THEM IN THE GARBAGE CAN. LEAVE PILLS IN THEIR CONTAINER AND ADD WATER OR COOKING OIL. RECAP, ENCLOSE IN A BAG, AND THROW IN THE GARBAGE CAN.

TOP TEN WAYS TO PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS WATER CONTINUED...

PROTECT OUR GROUND WATER :

- 7.** BATTERIES – TAKE CAR BATTERIES AND NICKEL-CADMIUM BATTERIES (LIKE IN YOUR CELL PHONE) TO HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL, RUN BY FINCHEM AT 6133 EDITH BLVD NE (345-1650). YOU CAN THROW ALKALINE BATTERIES INTO THE GARBAGE CAN.

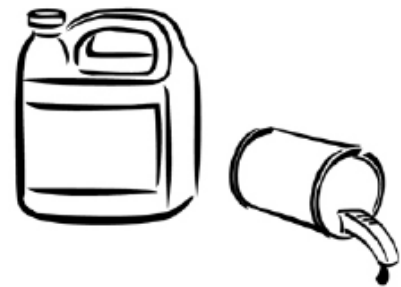


- 8.** COMPUTER, MONITORS, PRINTERS – DONATE THESE OR TAKE THEM TO ONE OF THE BUSINESSES LISTED IN THE YELLOW PAGES UNDER COMPUTERS RECYCLING. FOR A SMALL FEE THEY REMOVE THE HAZARDOUS METALS TO PROTECT OUR GROUNDWATER.



- 9.** FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS – FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS CONTAIN MERCURY VAPOR AND SHOULD NOT BE THROWN IN THE TRASH. TAKE THEM TO HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL, RUN BY FINCHEM AT 6133 EDITH BLVD NE (345-1650) OR CALL THE CITY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT BY CALLING 311 FOR HOME PICK UP.

- 10.** CAR OIL AND ANTIFREEZE – DON'T DUMP USED OIL AND ANTIFREEZE ON THE GROUND OR IN THE GARBAGE. THEY CAN BE RECYCLED AND REUSED. FOR SITES, GO TO: [HTTP://WWW.CABQ.GOV/ENVHEALTH/OILSITES.HTML](http://www.cabq.gov/envhealth/oilsites.html), OR CALL 768-2738.



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