

For additional information on how to keep Wichita waterways clean please visit TadsWater.com

Don't Let Your House Become Hazardous to Mine

Storm drains don't have filters Please don't let your mess



like in-home plumbing systems! become my family's problem.



DON'T FORGET!

Never pour your household chemicals, cleaners or solvents into the storm drain. It's toxic to aquatic life like me and is also illegal. Please make sure to properly dispose of hazardous substances such as the ones listed below:

- Pesticides, herbicides and garden chemicals
- Paint, aerosols, batteries
- Household cleaners, fluorescent bulbs and propane

These substances may be taken to:

Sedgwick County Household Hazardous Waste Facility 801 Stillwell St. Wichita | (316) 660-7458 sedgwickcounty.org











WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Many products found in homes contain chemicals that can be harmful to the environment. When rain washes those contaminants down surfaces such as driveways, parking lots and roads, they often flow into storm drains and into our local waterways. Please make sure to dispose of these chemicals properly.

KEEP AN EYE OUT!

Some contaminants include:

- Dish soap (washing vehicles)
- Auto grime
- Pet waste
- Cigarette butts



CLEAN UP YOUR MESS!

Many of us choose to perform maintenance on our vehicles at home rather than visit an auto repair service center. While the actual maintenance work is not a problem, the byproducts can send significant amounts of pollutants into storm sewer systems.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Your car alone contains one highly volatile, two corrosive, and six flammable hazardous products, all of which are TOXIC!
- 47% of U.S. waters surveyed are unfit for uses like swimming, fishing or drinking.*
- Stormwater is the leading cause of water pollution, NOT industrial dumping.
- Stormwater is not treated; only sanitary sewer water from toilets, showers and sinks is treated.

*National EPA Study

IT'S OK IF YOU SPILL. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN!

Let me show you the proper way to clean up. Here are tips for changing your oil and other fluids:

• FUNNELS

Use funnels or pumps when handling liquid products or waste to avoid spills.

• DRIP PAN



Capture vehicle fluids in separate drip pan or container.

OIL FILTERS

Drain and recycle used oil filters. Poke holes in your filter and let it drain into your oil pan for several hours before recycling.

