

The Grand River: Yours to Protect

When it rains, storm water flows over lawns, streets, and parking lots carrying with it road dirt, fertilizers, oil, and grease into storm drains. Storm drains carry this storm water to the Grand River without any type of treatment. Follow these steps to keep storm water clean and help protect the Grand River.



Your Home

Protect your family's health. Dispose of unwanted paints, solvents, and cleaners at your county collection center.

Pump your septic system every 3 to 5 years to avoid costly system overflows.

Your Lawn and Garden

Avoid scorching your lawn. Use slow-release types of fertilizer only 2-3 times per year. Non-phosphorus fertilizers are best for the environment.

Plant native plants in your garden. Native plants naturally need less water, fertilizers, and pesticides saving you time and money.

Your Vehicle and Garage

Recycle used oil and automotive fluids. Just one gallon of used motor oil dumped down a storm drain can contaminate one MILLION gallons of water.

Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on your lawn. Otherwise, dirty, oily water on your driveway will flow to your storm drain and eventually to the Grand River.

