



## TIPS

### 1. Conserve water

Repair leaky faucets and toilets right away. Leaky plumbing can waste 50 gallons of water in one day, depleting our rivers, lakes and aquifers. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth and washing dishes. You can save 3-5 gallons each time you brush your teeth. Try using a cup when brushing and shaving. And fill up the sink first when washing vegetables or doing a load of dishes. It's a small change that will make a big difference.

### 2. Use wise yard care practices.

Use fertilizer sparingly and sweep up any that falls on the driveway. Always sweep and bag your lawn clippings or spread them on a compost pile. Plant buffer areas around your yard to capture rain-water and keep it on your property.

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# Wate•r•shed



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**Wate•r•shed** (-shed') *n.* **1.** a ridge or stretch of high land dividing the areas drained by different rivers or river systems **2.** the area drained by a river or river system. **3.** a crucial turning point affecting action, opinion, etc.

**The things we do around our homes every day make a big difference on the quality of our waterways – because we all live in a watershed. Check these quality tips for ideas on how to protect our rivers and lakes.**

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### 3. Keep your car in good repair

Leaking oil, dripping antifreeze, flaking rust and brake linings are just a few of the pollutants that your car can add to the problem. Keeping your car in good repair is not only good for our water quality but saves you money in the long run.

### 4. Dispose of household cleaners, paint and other chemicals safely.

Many cleaning products found in our homes and garages are too dangerous to be disposed of in the trash or down the drain. Read the label: anything marked "Poison" or "Danger" should be taken to your local hazardous waste center. Use water-based paints and dry off excess paint with a paper towel before rinsing your paintbrush.

