

REDUCE STORM WATER POLLUTION



CAR MAINTENANCE

Maintaining your car properly can prevent common pollutants like automotive fluids from leaking onto the ground. Common automobile maintenance pollutants include oil, antifreeze, and other hazardous pollutants. Rain washes these pollutants from your driveway or street into the nearest storm drain which is eventually carried into our local waterways. Adopt these habits and remember to share with your neighbors.

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH CAR MAINTAENANCE

- *Always use a drip pan. Recycle used oil and antifreeze by taking them to a recycling center.*
- *Immediately clean up and contain any spills. Dispose of all waste and contaminated absorbent materials properly.*
- *Wash your car on the grass where water will soak into the ground.*
- *Take used or damaged car batteries to designated drop-off locations for safe disposal. The batteries contain toxic amounts of lead and acid, and should not be thrown out with your regular trash.*
- *Return used car tires to retailers or wholesalers that recycle or retread them. A landfill may accept your tires directly, but will usually charge a fee. Illegally dumped tires become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other pests.*
- *Not properly disposing of used oil is illegal and can lead to fines.*

*For more information on
stormwater or to report
any pollution in our
streets or storm drains,
please call the
Stormwater Hotline:*

(210)342-3991

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