

# keep it **BLUE**



only rain in the drain



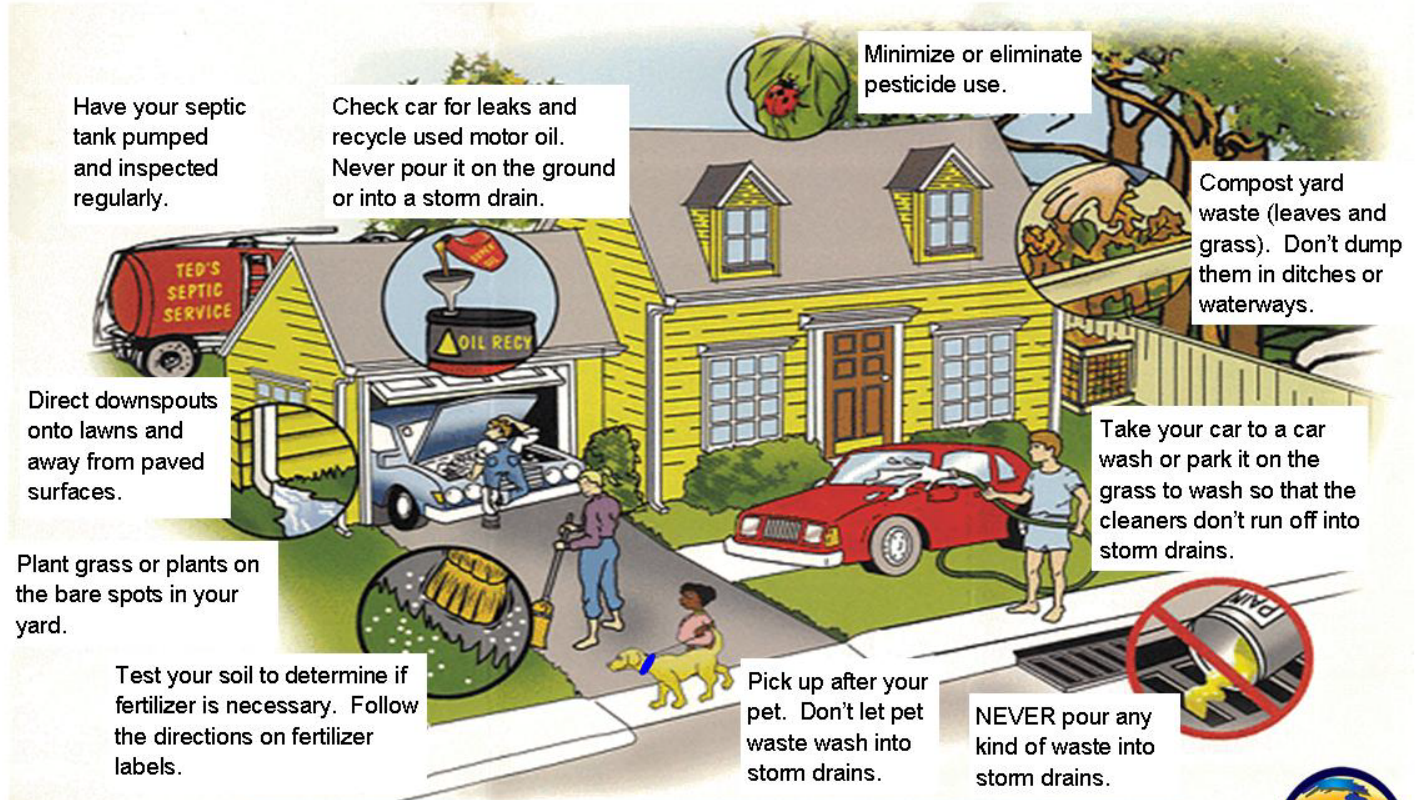
## Where does drinking water come from?

In the City of Niles, water is pumped from groundwater and then it is piped to a treatment plant where the water is treated so it safe for drinking. The water is then piped to houses and businesses for use.

## Where does water go?

**Water from Homes and Businesses** flows in pipes to a wastewater treatment plant which removes solids and wastes, but not all chemicals. The water is then discharged into the St. Joseph River.

**Water from Rain or Melting Snow** flows over the land (grass, streets and parking lots) and picks up dirt, litter, pet waste and chemicals from fertilizers, pesticides and leaky cars. This dirty water or stormwater runoff, drains either directly to our rivers and streams or to storm drains which discharge the untreated water to nearby rivers and streams.



**Clean water begins at home...**

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