



### 11. Street Litter

**Problem:** Rubbish and other pollution is picked up, carried into the stormwater system and into our waterways.

**Solution:** Put rubbish and litter in the bin. Compost organic waste such as grass clippings.



### 12. Detergent

**Problem:** Phosphate in detergents can cause blue-green algae in our waterways.

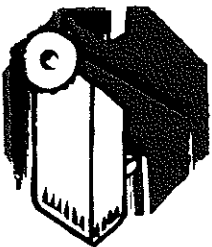
**Solution:** Use phosphate-free cleaning products where possible.



### 13. Animal Droppings

**Problem:** Animal droppings can wash into the stormwater system and pollute our waterways.

**Solution:** Use a bag as a glove to remove droppings and bury contents.



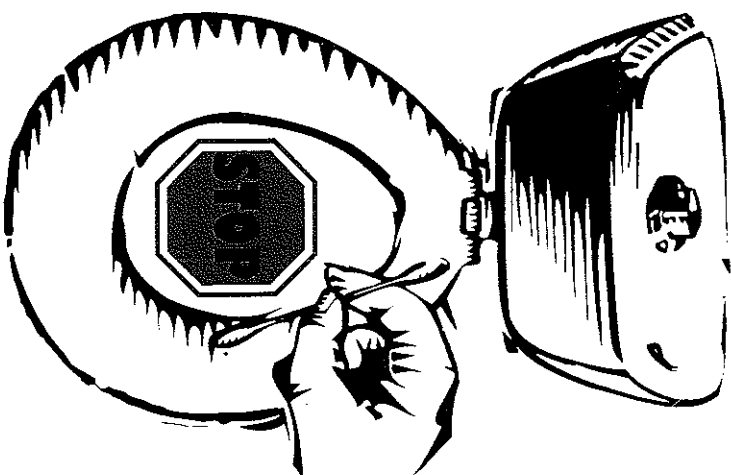
### 14. Grass Clippings

**Problem:** Grass clippings can get into stormwater drains and cause river and beach pollution.

**Solution:** Use grass clippings as compost.

# WORKING TOGETHER FOR CLEANER WATERWAYS

We can all assist in helping clean up the environment and protect our waterways by properly disposing of waste. Together we can help stop our waterways going to waste.



## HELP STOP OUR WATERWAYS GOING TO WASTE

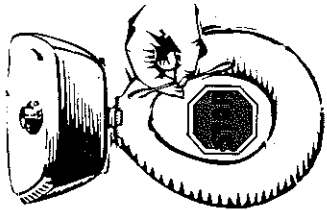


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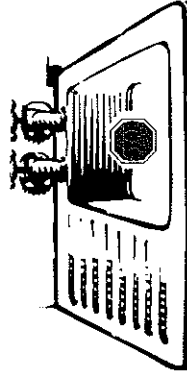
To keep our waterways clean, we need to protect them from pollution: pollution that can make its way into the waterways through the sewerage and stormwater systems.



The sewerage system takes away dirty water from our homes and industries.

It is treated before it is returned to the environment. But some of the things people put down the toilet and sink drains are difficult to treat.

We need your help to make sure that things such as oil, grease, chemicals, cotton tips and plastics don't get into our sewerage system.



Stormwater, which falls as rain and washes into street gutters and drains, flows directly into our waterways, generally untreated, unlike sewage which is treated. It takes with it grass clippings, leaves and all sorts of rubbish which can end up in our waterways and, ultimately, our rivers and oceans.

We need your help to reduce the pollution that can enter the stormwater system.

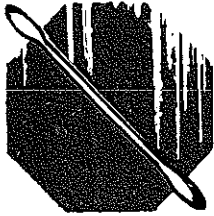


You can help protect our waterways by following these simple tips.

## 1. Cotton Tips

**Problem:** Cotton tips can clog screens that filter sewage and may escape into our waterways.

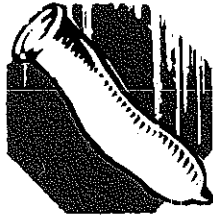
**Solution:** Put cotton tips in the bin.



## 2. Condoms

**Problem:** Condoms can clog screens that filter sewage.

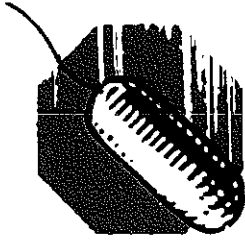
**Solution:** Wrap condoms and put in the bin.



## 3. Tampons

**Problem:** Tampons clog screens that filter sewage.

**Solution:** Wrap them and place in the bin.



## 4. Packaging

**Problem:** Packaging, like apple stickers and soap labels, can block household pipes and the sewerage system.

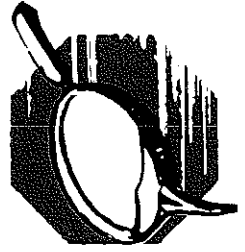
**Solution:** Put packaging in the bin.



## 5. Grease & Oil

**Problem:** Grease and oil can clog screens and make raw sewage difficult to bio-degrade during sewage treatment.

**Solution:** Put oil and grease in a sealed container and place in the bin.



## 6. Food Scraps

**Problem:** Food scraps, coffee grounds and tea leaves block the sewerage system and screens at the sewage treatment works.

**Solution:** Scrape dishes before washing and dispose of scraps into the bin or compost. Use a sink strainer to catch food scraps.



## 7. Cigarette Butts

**Problem:** Cigarette butts clog stormwater drains and cause river and beach pollution.

**Solution:** Put your cigarette butts in the bin, not in the street.



## 8. Paint

**Problem:** When you dispose of paint down the drain, it contaminates wastewater and the bio-soils (sludge) can't be recycled.

**Solution:** Put paint in sealed containers ready for chemical collection days.



## 9. Motor Oil

**Problem:** It contaminates wastewater and destroys biological treatment processes.

**Solution:** Never tip motor oil down the sink or drain. Put oil in sealed containers and take to the tip or a chemical collection point.



## 10. Chemicals/Pesticides

**Problem:** Chemicals and pesticides like motor oil and paint, contaminate the sewerage system and destroy micro-organisms that bio-degrade sewerage wastes.

**Solution:** Put chemicals and pesticides in a sealed container ready for chemical collection days.

