



# TOWN OF BOURNE

## Preventing Stormwater Pollution



What We Can Do



### Prevent storm water pollution in Bourne by making small changes to your daily routine.

Use “green” gardening methods such as conserving water ,planting native plants, protecting the soil and reducing the use of toxic pesticides.

Use a broom, not a hose, to clean up outside.



Dispose of pet waste in the garbage.



To clean up toxic spills like motor oil, paint and antifreeze, use an absorbent material. Clean up spills and dispose of soiled absorbent promptly .

If you change your own oil, recycle it and the filter at Bourne’s year-round Recycling Center, or through the annual household hazardous waste collection program.



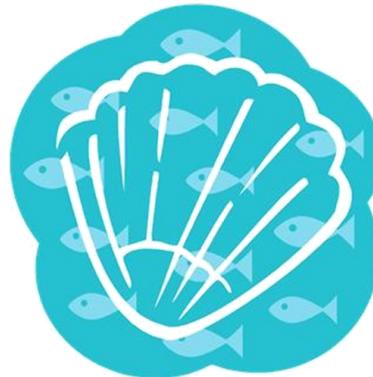
Buy fewer harsh or toxic cleaning chemicals. Store and dispose of them properly .

### Storm water pollutants like these come from our everyday activities:

- Motor oil and auto fluids which leak from our vehicles
- Dirt, leaves and lawn clippings that clog storm drains and choke creeks with too much organic material, depriving them of vital oxygen
- Antifreeze, oil, paint or household cleaners dumped or rinsed into the gutter
- Soil from construction or landscaping that erodes or blows into the street, often containing pesticides or other pollutants
- Soap and dirt from washing cars in the driveway or street
- Litter and grime that collects on parking lots and sidewalks
- Pollutants in the air carried by rain through storm drains into our waters
- Weed killers, fertilizers and pesticides that are washed off lawns
- Pet waste left on lawns, streets, in the gutter or on sidewalks

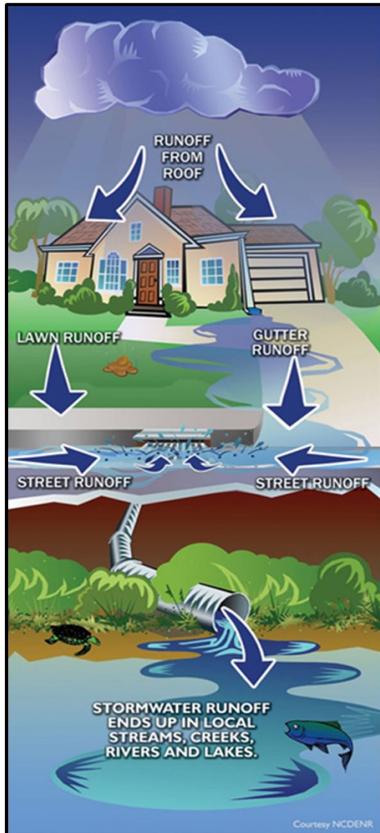
Contact your waste hauler or go to <http://www.townofbourne.com/Departments/PUBLICWORKS/IntegratedSolidWasteManagement> to learn about disposal of these and other common household products requiring special care:

- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Medicines
- Pesticides
- Motor oil and filters
- Cleaning chemicals
- Toxic spills and solvents clean ups greater than one gallon
- Batteries and Electronics
- Paints and paint thinners



## What is Stormwater Runoff?

When it rains, water that does not soak into the ground becomes runoff.



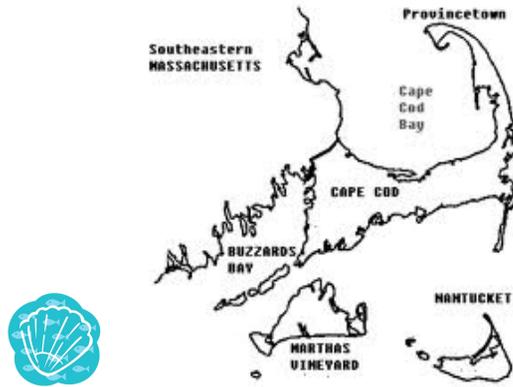
This runoff can enter a storm sewer system which ends up in local streams



## You may live miles away from the Bay and still be polluting its waters

Water from your neighborhood enters the storm drain system and flows directly to local rivers and the Bay without any treatment. It often is contaminated by pollutants that can be toxic to fish, wildlife, and people.

Residents and small businesses are the leading causes of local storm water pollution, and have become the primary threats to the Bay. Pollutants that get into storm water because of our daily choices and activities can end up in our waters. You may be polluting the Bay without realizing it.



Storm drains carry water and pollutants directly to our local creeks and the Bay.



Never put anything into the gutter, street or storm drain. Help prevent pollutants from entering local storm drains.

## GOALS

- Understand the term “stormwater”
- Understand why it is important and why you should care
- Understand what you can do to help prevent stormwater pollution



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