

# Remember, it's not just toxic to you

Our Water. Our Future.



## Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil

Did you know that many household products are dangerous to our kids, pets, and the environment?

These materials pollute our waterways if washed or dumped into storm drains or roadside ditches. Remember, storm drains lead to our lakes and rivers.

How can you help?  
Follow the tips on the back of this card for simple ways you can help keep our water clean.

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**Identify it.** Be aware of household products that can harm kids, pets, and the environment. The words “danger,” “caution,” “warning,” or “toxic” indicate that you need to be careful in how you use and dispose of the product.

**Less is better.** Reduce waste and save money by purchasing only the materials you need. When possible, choose less toxic alternatives. For example, try cleaning your windows with vinegar and water.



**Store properly.** Keep unused products in their original containers with label intact. Select cool, dry storage areas that are away from kids, pets, and wildlife.

**Disposal is key.** Never dump motor oil, chemicals, and other toxic materials down storm drains, sinks, or on the ground. Contact your local community for disposal locations, guidelines, and dates.

**Don't forget the RV.** Dispose of recreational vehicle sanitary waste at a nearby dropoff location. Never put it down a storm drain or roadside ditch! Find locations at [www.semCog.org](http://www.semCog.org).



For more information call the Wayne County Department of Environment hotline at (888) 223-2363

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