

# Water Quality Starts at Home

where each of us has an impact on the pollutants that we introduce into our environment. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests these tips for protecting water quality:

- 1 Use fertilizers sparingly, and sweep excess off driveways and sidewalks.
- 2 Never dump or discard anything down storm drains.
- 3 Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- 4 Compost your yard waste.
- 5 Minimize pesticide use, and consider Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- 6 Direct gutter downspouts onto soil, away from paved surfaces.
- 7 Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway. 
- 8 Check your car for leaks, and recycle motor oil.
- 9 Pick up after your pet.
- 10 Have your septic system pumped and inspected regularly.

## Additional Resources

Visit the Green Country Stormwater Alliance web site listed below for more details about stormwater protection, including pet waste control, household pollutants, recycling and reuse, and more.



**Green Country Stormwater Alliance**  
[www.stormwaterok.net](http://www.stormwaterok.net)

## Contact Information

For information about the Green Country Stormwater Alliance, contact INCOG at 918-584-7526 or by email at [stormwater@incog.org](mailto:stormwater@incog.org). For local information, contact your city or county stormwater coordinator.

For more information about stormwater protection, contact the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Quality Division at 405-702-8100 or visit the DEQ web site at [www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/stormwater/index.html](http://www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/stormwater/index.html)

For stormwater related complaints, call the DEQ statewide hotline at 1-800-522-0206. This number is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Citizens may fill out an online complaint form at the DEQ web site at [www.deq.state.ok.us/ECLnew/Complaints/onlnmpl.htm](http://www.deq.state.ok.us/ECLnew/Complaints/onlnmpl.htm) and submit it electronically to the DEQ. The site also provides contact links to DEQ.

For more information about household pollutant disposal options, visit [www.metrecycle.com](http://www.metrecycle.com) or call 918-584-0584.

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## How to Protect Your Local Watershed

