Minnesota water - let's keep it clean!

CAR AND TRUCK REPAIR

Rain washes anything that's on driveways, streets and paved surfaces down storm drains and into lakes and rivers. Chemicals on dirt and gravel can also soak into groundwater.

Help keep our water clean!



Washing Vehicles

Take your vehicle to a car wash so soapy water doesn't flow into lakes and streams. Or park on your lawn while washing so water can soak into the ground.



Changing Oil and Other Fluids

Change oil and other fluids indoors and over concrete. If you need to work outside, use a drip pan. Always take used oil to your county household hazardous waste site or a licensed local business. NEVER dump oil in storm drains! It is illegal and pollutes our water.



Cleaning Parts

Rinse and drain parts over a solvent sink or tank, so they do not drip or spill onto the floor. Use drip pans to catch excess solutions and divert them back to a sink or tank. Dispose of used solvents and wastewater at your county household hazardous waste site



Storing Materials

Store chemicals and fluids indoors and off of the floor. Store batteries on open racks, return used batteries promptly and contain cracked batteries to prevent hazardous spills.



Fixing Leaks & Sweeping-Up Spills

Is your car or truck leaking oil? Use sand or kitty litter to sweep up spills on your garage or driveway before they are washed into the storm drain. Find and fix leaks quickly to help protect our environment.

