HELP STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING TO KEEP CHEMICALS OUT OF OUR WATER

Step 1: DUMP RIGHT

Water in storm drains and ditches flows into nearby waterways.

This water does NOT get cleaned at a wastewater treatment plant before it winds up in our lakes, rivers, ponds and streams.

Take hazardous materials to your county site or licensed local business.

Use a utility sink, NOT your storm drain, to:

* Wash off paint brushes
* Dump soapy water
* Empty swimming pools and spas

Dumping chemicals into a storm sewer or ditch is called an “illicit discharge” and is ILLEGAL.

Step 2: SWEEP IT UP

Leaves and grass clippings pollute water.

Sweep leaves & clippings; don’t leave them in the street.

Compost them, take them to a collection site or have them hauled away.

Dirt and sand pollute too.

Save them or take them to a dump site.

Step 3: WASH AWAY FROM HOME

Take your vehicle to the CAR WASH so soapy water doesn’t flow into lakes and streams.

Step 4: POOLS & HOT TUBS CAN POLLUTE

Before you empty your pool or hot tub, stop adding chlorine, uncover the water, and let it sit for 3-5 days.

Step 5: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

If you see illegal dumping or water that is cloudy, colored, or has an oil sheen, report it to your city, county, or township.

Report petroleum and hazardous materials spills to the Minnesota Duty Officer: 1-800-422-0798

If you ENJOY clean water, do your part to PROTECT Minnesota’s water!