

# Actions In Your Home & Business



## Our Hope:

We hope to create a community that is part of the solution for a clean, healthy river in our urban landscape.

## What You Can Do In Your Home or Business:

- 1) Replace turf grass with native grasses and perennial flowers.
- 2) Maintain 12" to 18" of topsoil in your yard to absorb rainfall, allow moisture to be held in your soil, and limit runoff. This practice lowers watering and fertilizing costs yields healthier plants and grasses and prevents flooding.
- 3) Apply fertilizer only in the spring or fall. Keep fertilizers on the lawn and off sidewalks, drives, and streets. Sweep up excess fertilizer and reapply to the lawn.
- 4) Mow your lawn to 3" high, no lower. Leave grass clippings on your lawn which will act as a natural fertilizer while retaining moisture in your soil for healthier plants and reduced water bills.
- 5) Spot spray for weeds, do not broadcast chemicals.
- 6) Redirect your downspouts onto permeable areas of your yard 10-12' away from your foundation to hold runoff in your yard and reduce runoff of lawn chemicals to streams.
- 7) Add a rain garden of native plants to slow rainwater runoff and filter chemicals.
- 8) Pick up and dispose of pet wastes in your toilet or in your trash bin at home.
- 9) Recycle, Reduce and Reuse materials. Keep trash, soap, paints etc. out of storm drains.
- 10) Encourage your city to adopt Low Impact Development Practices which use the natural landscapes to manage storm water runoff.
- 11) Reduce the amount of paved surfaces for increased permeability of rainfall and reduce runoff.
- 12) Replace parking lot berms with bioswales to hold and filter runoff and reduce flooding.

## What You Can Do As A Citizen:

1. Demand protection for natural resources of water, air, wetlands, wildlife and natural areas.
2. Ask state, county, and city leaders what they are doing to protect our natural resources for us, our children, and grandchildren.
3. Vote for candidates that make conservation measures a priority.
4. Clean water demands citizen enforcement by you!

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