

10 Things YoU Can Do To Keep the R/O Grand



Did you know that polluted storm water runoff is a major cause of water pollution in New Mexico?

Here are 10 SIMPLE THINGS you can do to help keep our water clean.

1.

Pet owners should pick up after their pets and dispose of pet waste by wrapping it and placing it in the garbage.



2.

Don't litter . . . not even cigarette butts. They are not biodegradable.

3.

Be sure to wash your cars on the grass or at a car wash so the dirty, soapy water doesn't flow into nearby storm drains.

4.

Turn your gutter downspouts away from hard surfaces (toward bushes, grass or trees) and fill bare spots in your yard to avoid erosion. Even better, **use a rain barrel** to catch the water. You'll reduce runoff and conserve water.

5.

Mulch leaves and grass clippings to keep them out of the gutter. Don't place them in the street.

6.

Do not over-fertilize your lawn. And don't apply fertilizers or pesticides before a heavy rain. If fertilizer falls onto driveways or sidewalks, sweep it up instead of hosing it away.

7.

Fix your cars so they do not leak oil and other fluids.

8.

Keep lawn and household chemicals tightly sealed and in a place where rain cannot reach them. Dispose of old or unwanted chemicals at household hazardous waste collections sites or events.

9.

Never put anything in a storm drain.

10.

If you have a septic system, maintain it properly by having it pumped out/emptied every three to five years or at the frequency required by Environmental Health. If it is an older system, be sure it can still handle the volume needed. Never put chemicals down septic systems because they can harm the system and seep into the groundwater.

**For more information,
visit www.keeptheriogrand.org.**

***And, join our team to
keep the Rio Grand!***



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