Reduce Stormwater Pollution at Home

Pet waste, grass clippings and yard waste, fertilizers, weed killers, and vehicle fluids including antifreeze and motor oil are just some of the things around your home that can pollute the Rio Grande. Left on the ground, they can wash into streets, storm inlets, pipes, arroyos and storm drains, which ALL lead directly to the river, untreated.

Lawn & Garden

• Discard grass clippings and other yard waste in bags and throw in the trash receptacle.
• Keep yard waste from the street where it can enter storm drains.
• Don't wash fertilizers, weed killers, pesticides or other chemicals into the street where they can enter storm drains.

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**Vehicles**

- **Use commercial car washes whenever possible** – they are equipped to collect and recycle wash water. If you choose to wash the vehicle yourself, put the vehicle on the grass if possible.

- **Use a minimum of soap**, and always use a hose with a trigger spray so you can turn the water off and keep it from running down the driveway into the street and storm drains.

- **Dispose of used motor oil and hydraulic fluids at a local automotive part store or a certified hazardous waste facility.** NEVER put motor oil, antifreeze or any other vehicle fluid down a storm drain, sink or toilet, and NEVER pour these fluids on the ground.

- If any fluids leak onto your driveway, clean them up. **DO NOT wash them into the street.**

**Pet Waste**

- **Pick up after your dog** regularly. Dispose of the bag in a trash (NOT recycling) container.

- **NEVER throw** cat litter down the drain or in the toilet.

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