When is a car not a car? When it turns into a driveway.

Ask your parents to service the car regularly to prevent oils and other fluids from leaking onto the pavement and being washed down the storm drains. People should always recycle used motor oil and antifreeze. Cars should be moved for street sweepings to allow for the removal of debris before it washes down the storm drains.

Keep litter off the street. This includes candy wrappers, fast food containers, and other waste. Put trash in trash cans and clean up street litter so it doesn’t get washed or blown into the storm drains.

What has 4 wheels and flies? A Trash Truck!

How Can You and Your Family Protect Our Water?

Yo Kids! Protecting our water supply isn’t just an adult thing. It’s up to each and every one of us!

Storm drains in the street (also called sewer inlets) are for water only. Philadelphia’s rain and melting snow pick up all kinds of pollutants as they wash over our sidewalks, streets, parking lots, and yards. All of this dirty water goes into storm drains, many of which empty into the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers. You can help make our waterways safer for drinking, fishing, and boating by keeping pollutants out of Philadelphia’s storm drains.

Tip 1: Keep your garden or flowers regularly in order to prevent oils and other fluids from being washed down the storm drains. People should always recycle used motor oil and antifreeze. Cars should be moved for street sweepings to allow for the removal of debris before it washes down the storm drains.

Tip 2: Help your parents expand your garden, and cut down on the size of your lawn. Gardens generally soak up more rainfall than lawns. Use native plants, mulch, and plant densely to decrease the need for water, reduce erosion, and discourage weeds.

Tip 3: Ask your parents to service the car regularly to prevent oils and other fluids from being washed down the storm drains. People should always recycle used motor oil and antifreeze. Cars should be moved for street sweepings to allow for the removal of debris before it washes down the storm drains.

Tip 4: Let the grass grow! Tall grass chokes weeds, so only mow when absolutely necessary. Leave 3 inches of grass on the lawn to encourage deep root systems. Use natural organic fertilizer if you do fertilize (which will release nutrients more slowly than chemical fertilizers), and avoid applying fertilizer before heavy rain.

Tip 5: Help your parents compost leaves and grass clippings. Next year you will have rich compost that can be used to enhance your garden soil. If you don’t compost, carefully bag your leaves and grass clippings. Leaves and grass clippings placed in the street unbagged will wash down the storm drains.

Tip 6: Help your parents maintain their lawns and gardens. Keep your yard free of debris. Remember that the storm drains are for water only. If you don’t compost, carefully bag your leaves and grass clippings. Leaves and grass clippings placed in the street unbagged will wash down the storm drains.

How did the guy run a lawnmower through his garden? Because he wanted to make a chopped salad in a hurry.

Did you hear the joke about the compost pile? Yeah, but it stinks!