

How Can You and Your Family Protect Our Water?

TIP 1

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!



TIP 2

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.

When is a car not a car?

When it turns into a driveway.



TIP 3

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.

Finding half a worm!

What's worse than finding a worm in your tomato?



TIP 4

You can help **protect** our drinking water by cleaning up after your **dog**. Place dog waste in the toilet or a **trash can**, not in the street or **down** the storm drain. Dog waste introduces **disease-causing** bacteria into our water supply.

Arf!

Do you know what you get when you cross a Giraffe with German Shepherd?

A watchdog for the fifth floor.

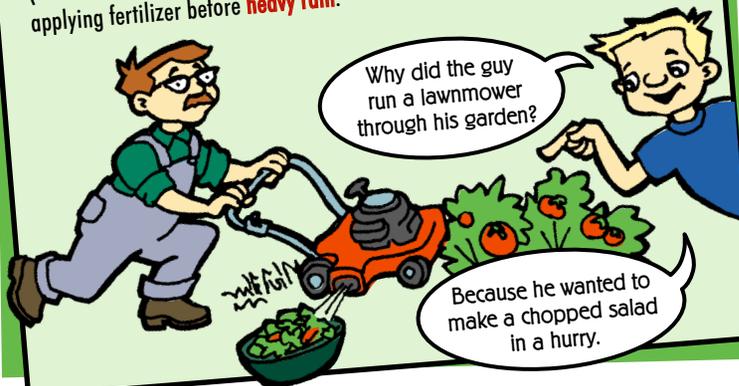


TIP 5

Let your grass **grow**! Taller **grass** chokes weeds, so ask your **parents** to set the mower height at 3 inches, **water** your lawn thoroughly but infrequently 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**.

Why did the guy run a lawnmower through his garden?

Because he wanted to make a chopped salad in a hurry.



TIP 6

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 **clog** storm drains.

Did you hear the joke about the compost pile?

Yeah, but it stinks!

