

## Household Waste Tips:

**You can help keep your community clean and protect our waterways. Never pour or throw anything in the streets or gutters...**

•**Identify it.** Be aware of household products that can harm children, pets, and the environment. The words "danger," "caution," "warning," or "toxic" indicate that you need to be careful in how you use and dispose of the product.

•**Less is better.** Reduce waste and save money by purchasing only the materials you need. When possible, choose less toxic alternatives. For example, try cleaning your windows with vinegar and water.

•**Store properly.** Keep unused products in their original containers with labels intact. Select cool, dry storage areas that are away from children, pets, and wildlife.

•**Disposal is key.** Never dump motor oil, chemicals, and other toxic materials down storm drains, sinks, or on the ground. Contact your local community for disposal locations, guidelines, and dates.

Visit

<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-whm-stsw-recyclingcontacts.pdf> to locate a recycling center near you.



## Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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## Storm Drains are for Rain...

Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oils.

Antifreeze, household cleaners, gasoline, pesticides, oil paints, solvents, and motor oil are just some of the common household products that can enter our storm drains. Help keep these out of our rivers, lakes and streams. Instead of putting these items in the trash, down the storm drain, or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste center or on you community's collection day.

**... they're not trash containers.**

