



# What can we do to improve our waterways?

Arvada residents enjoy numerous parks and open spaces along Ralston, Van Bibber, Little Dry, and Leyden Creeks. The quality of these waterways is important to our future. Rainfall and snow melt flows down gutters, into storm drains, and then to waterways without treatment. Chemicals, waste, or trash left in our neighborhood is washed into the creek. We need your help because what we do at home improves or degrades the quality of our waterways.

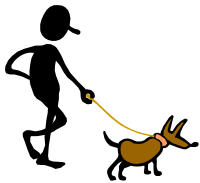
Here are the **Top 10** things you can do to protect Arvada's waterways...

## Around the House:

- 10) Use environmentally friendly cleaners, such as vinegar and water to clean glass.
- 9) Dispose of hazardous materials properly. (Call the Rooney Road Recycling Center at 303-316-6262 to dispose of household hazardous waste.)



## In and Around the Yard:



- 8) Avoid over fertilizing the yard.
- 7) After yard work, sweep up and dispose of grass clippings that land on sidewalks or driveways. Consider composting yard waste.
- 6) Always cleanup after your pets! Pet waste is the most controllable source of fecal bacteria in our waterways. Look for our new pet pick-up stations!

## Working on the Car:

- 5) Save water! Wash the car on the lawn instead of the driveway.
- 4) Recycle used oil, tires, batteries, and antifreeze (For a list of places that accept recycled materials, call 720-898-7807, or access [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org) and search on "Recycle.")

## Around the Neighborhood:

- 3) Pick up litter. Litter can clog storm drains resulting in localized flooding.
- 2) To report spills or stream problems, call 720-898-7807.  
(call 720-898-7820 after business hours)



## **Number 1: Never allow anything but stormwater in gutters and storm drains!**

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