



What can I do to protect our waterways?

Everything on the street washes into openings in the curb, into the storm drain system and flows directly into our waterways. Litter, grass clippings and other waste products pollute the water flowing through Arvada, which is needed by others downstream.



See if you can **find 8 things** in this picture that we can all do to protect our waterways. Write the number next to the picture that shows where water pollution can begin:

1. Sweep up grass clippings and leaves. Compost them or properly dispose of them in the trash.
2. Always clean-up after your pets! Pet waste is the most controllable source of bacteria.
3. Control erosion of soil. Sediment is one of our worst urban contaminants.
4. Wash your car on the lawn, where suds can absorb into the soil.
5. Fillup A Can says, "Always throw trash into a trashcan (like me) and keep Arvada beautiful!"
6. Avoid over fertilizing your yard, use only the manufacturers' recommended applications.
7. Control and properly dispose of all automotive waste, especially oil and antifreeze.
8. Never wash anything out in the storm drain, not paint, plaster, concrete or lawn mowers.

Please help keep our waterways clean. If someone is dumping something onto the street or into the storm drain that should not go into our waterways, report it so we can stop the contamination.