



WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR  
IN THE DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER  
YOU'RE NOT JUST WASHING YOUR  
CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY.

Soap, scum, and oily water can drain from your paved driveway into our lakes, streams, and coastal waters. How do you avoid this mess? Easy. Wash your car on gravel or grass to help filter the water, or take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

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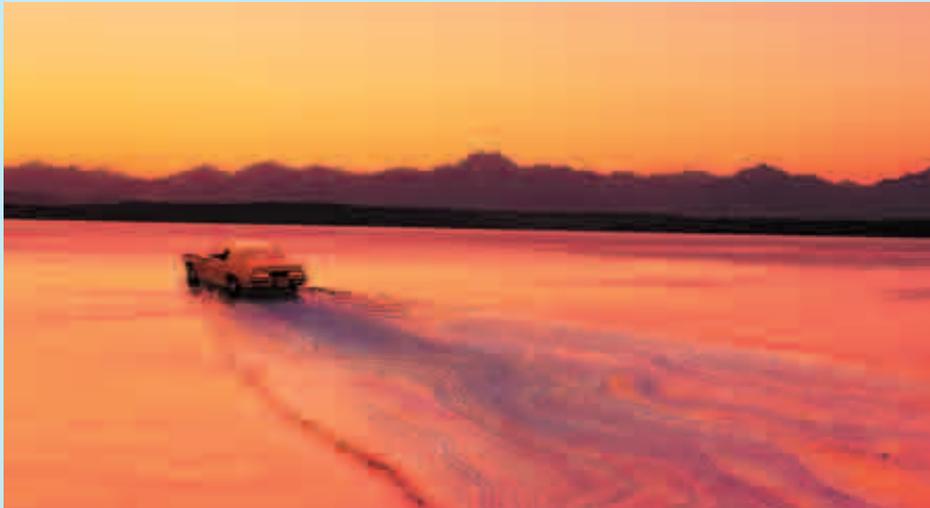
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let's keep it clean!



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WHEN YOUR CAR'S LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET, REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET.

Leaking oil goes from the car to the street. It then washes from the street into ditches, storm drains, culverts and into our lakes, creeks, and coastal waters. Now imagine the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaks into our water. So please, fix oil leaks.

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**WHEN YOU'RE  
FERTILIZING THE LAWN  
REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST  
FERTILIZING THE LAWN.**

**You fertilize the lawn. Then it rains. The rain washes the fertilizer into our lakes, streams, and into coastal waters. This helps weeds and algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive.**

**If you fertilize, please follow directions and use sparingly. Or even better, keep lawns back from the shoreline, and retain a native vegetation buffer.**

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**WHEN YOUR HOME  
SEPTIC SYSTEM FAILS,  
REMEMBER  
IT DOESN'T JUST FAIL AT HOME.**

**A failed septic system is bad news for more than your pocketbook. Runoff can carry untreated sewage into our lakes and waters. Regular upkeep can keep your system working as it should. Your home septic system. Check it, fix it, maintain it.**

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WHEN YOU DUMP AN APPLIANCE,  
REMEMBER  
YOU'RE NOT JUST DUMPING AN  
APPLIANCE.

**Dumping appliances, autos, and garbage isn't cool. Next time you visit a lake, or drink tap water remember: what ends up on the ground ends up in our water.**

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**WHEN YOU RUN EQUIPMENT,  
REMEMBER  
YOU'RE NOT JUST  
RUNNING EQUIPMENT**

**Leaky gaskets. Hydraulic fluid drips. Fueling spills. Don't shortchange our water quality just because the construction season is short. Take the time to do regular maintenance, fuel a safe distance from water bodies, and use oil absorbent pads to catch leaks. Your kids and grand kids will thank you.**

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WHEN YOU DO CONSTRUCTION,  
REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST  
DOING CONSTRUCTION.

**You construct a new road or development. Sediment from earth work can be carried off-site by rain into creeks and lakes, and create problems for young salmon. When you do construction, prevent erosion; leave natural vegetation buffers along streams, and trap sediment on-site. The salmon will thank you.**

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WHEN YOU DESIGN  
 SUBDIVISIONS, REMEMBER  
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 DESIGNING SUBDIVISIONS

**Subdivisions change natural drainage patterns. Poor drainage can lead to flooding, non-acceptance of private roads by the Borough, and poor curb appeal. Remember that when it rains, it drains. Plan adequate capacity to "slow down, spread out, and soak in" rainfall and snowmelt on-site.**

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**WHEN YOU FUEL YOUR BOAT,  
REMEMBER  
YOU MAY NOT JUST BE  
FUELING YOUR BOAT.**

**An oil sheen on the water is bad news. A little spilled fuel can go a long way and harm salmon and other aquatic life. Make sure fuel goes only into your tank—not into the water. Don't leave a sheen. Prevent drips, spills and overfills.**

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**WHEN YOU'RE RIDING,  
REMEMBER  
YOU'RE NOT JUST  
RIDING.**

**Muddy water clogs young fish gills. Shifting gravel in spawning beds effects oxygen flows to salmon eggs. So get dirty and have fun, but avoid riding in freshwater streams. The fish—and everyone who likes to catch them—will thank you.**

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