

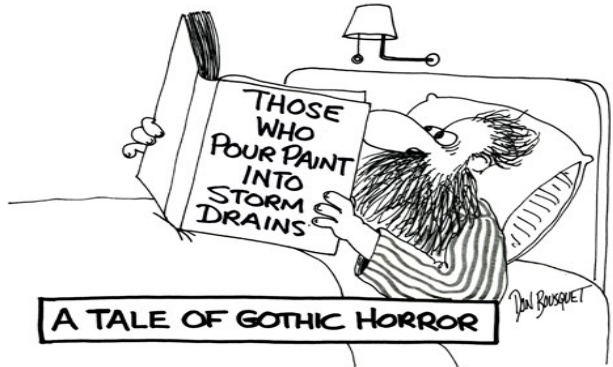
I HATE RAINY DAYS

THE MENU IS ALWAYS THE SAME... .. FERTILIZERS, DOG POOP, LEAKED OIL AND TONS OF OTHER NASTY STUFF!



Never throw dog waste into a storm drain! Avoid letting your dog do his business within 200 feet of a water body. Pet waste contains bacteria that cause human illness & contribute to the closing of beaches & shellfish beds. Always carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your dog. Toss it in the trash.

PLASTIC BAGS, BOTTLES & CIGARRETE BUTTS chokes fish, turtles, ducks & birds. Never dump, wash, or rake anything into the path of storm drains. Sweep, don't hose, your driveway or other paved surfaces.

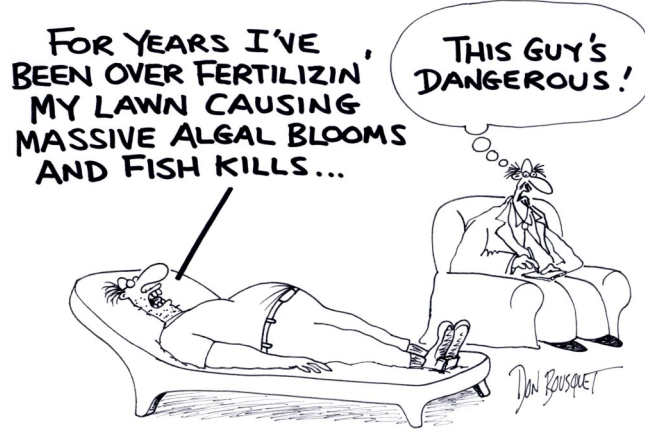


Don't pour chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paints, solvents onto ground or into storm drains. Dispose of household chemicals (oil based paint, pesticides, drain cleaners, oven cleaners, pool chemicals, etc.) at designated places. Read labels and try to use the least harmful products available.

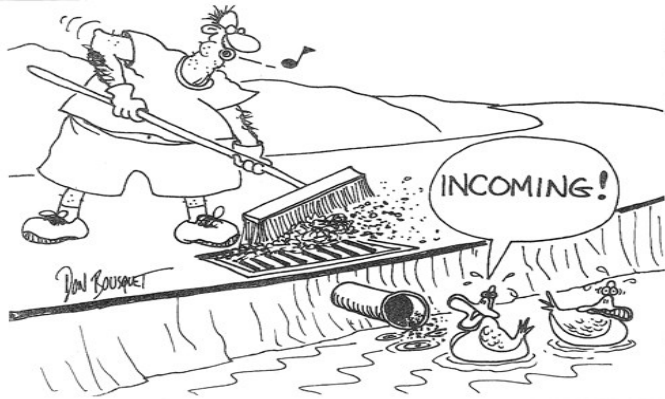
**SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN HELP KEEP BRIDGEPORT WATERS CLEAN**



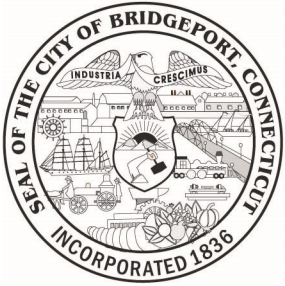
Use Commercial car wash that treats or recycle its wastewater or wash your car on your yard. Use biodegradable, phosphate-free cleaners. If washing near a storm drain, temporarily divert water towards grassy areas. Repair leaks & dispose auto fluids ad batteries at designated drop-off or recycling location.



If you fertilize your lawn once a year, September to mid-October is the best time to do so. Sweep fertilizer that spills onto your driveway or other paved surfaces back onto the lawn. During rainstorms, nutrients from fertilizers can wash off lawns into local waters where excess nutrients promote algae blooms that are harmful to pets & people.



# CITY OF BRIDGEPORT



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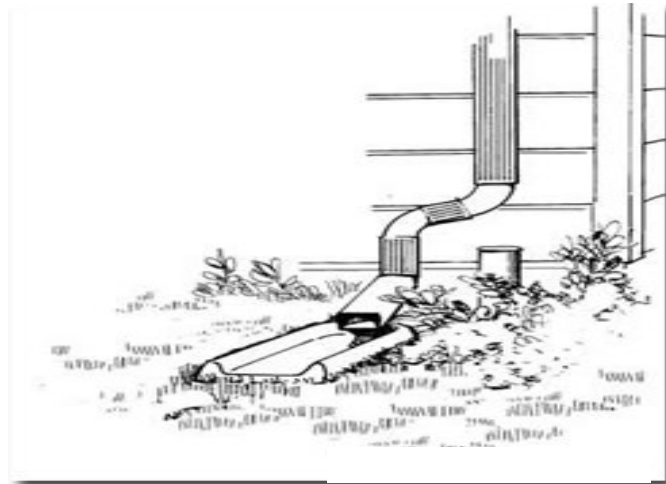
*Did you know that the amount of rain water that flows off an average roof, over the course of a year would fill more than 500 bathtubs? Instead of allowing that rain to flow down your driveway or sidewalk to the nearest storm drain, it's possible to divert the rain in at least 3 ways:*



*Purchase a rain barrel & direct downspout water directly into it. You'll not only reduce stormwater, but you can conserve water by using what you capture for plantings.*

*Investigate a rain garden, which is natural or hand-dug shallow depression designed to soak up water.*

Rain gardens are created with absorbent soil and proper mix of plants to facilitate collecting water and infiltrating it back into the ground.



*Consider using downspout extenders to direct the water onto a landscaped area. During a heavy rain, each downspout on your home can deliver 12 gallons a minute to the stormwater system. By simply disconnecting a downspout from the stormwater system, the volume of stormwater is minimized, reducing flooding and erosion and minimizing the number of stormwater pollutant that reach our local waterbodies.*

*Message by the Engineering Department & Water Pollution Control Authority*

For information on all things stormwater, including how you can help protect your community's drinking water, go to:  
<http://www.Bridgeportct.gov/MS-4 Educational Material>  
Sources & Messages adopted from the University of Rhode Island  
<http://web.uri.edu/riss/take-action/>