

Keep your Lawn **Green** and Water Clean

Using too much fertilizer and other lawn care products can cause water pollution. The same rain that helps turn your lawn green also washes excess fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants into the nearest creek, turning the water green, or worse. Much of it makes its way downstream and ends up in the reservoirs that we depend on for our drinking water. To help prevent pollution, use lawn care products as instructed on the product labels. Less is always more when it comes to water quality.

Put waste in its place

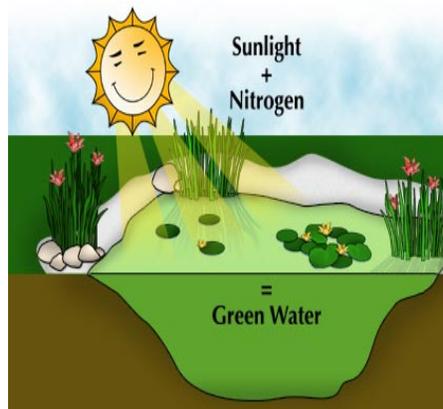
The City of Burleson offers free disposal of the hazardous waste we all have around our homes. Did you ever paint a room and had too much left over? Did you ever buy a household cleaner that you didn't like and don't know what to do with it? Twice per year the city conducts a household hazardous waste event. Residents can drop off their old chemicals, electronics, and shred old documents. The next household hazardous waste event will be November 8th. Mark your calendars, grab your gunk, and meet us there. Don't want to wait? Burleson contracts with the City of Fort

10 Practical tips for preventing pollution in our waterways



Here are 10 practical tips which will help keep our storm drains and streams clean:

1. Never dump anything down storm drains or into streams and report anyone who does.
2. Select native or adapted plants that require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides, making your yard a Texas SmartScape. Visit www.texassmartscape.com for more information.
3. Apply lawn chemicals according to the label. Do not over apply chemicals and never apply before a rain event.
4. Keep grass clippings and other yard waste out of street gutters and storm drains. Drains blocked by excessive debris could cause flooding that could damage you or your neighbor's property. Compost or mulch instead.



Worth so Burleson Residents may use the Environmental Collection Center at 6400 Bridge St. in Fort Worth. Go to the City of Burleson's website for more information.

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- 5. Dispose of used motor oil, paint, and other household chemicals properly through the City's household hazardous waste collection program.
- 6. Do not dispose of used cooking oil by dumping it outside or in a storm drain.
- 7. Take your car to a commercial car wash facility. Washing cars on driveways or streets will result in the cleaning products flowing directly into storm drains, and commercial car wash facilities use less water.
- 8. Have your septic tank pumped and inspect your system regularly.
- 9. DOO the right thing and pick up your pet's waste. Pet waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites. Visit www.burlesontx.com and take the pledge to pick up your pet's waste and you will receive a free pet waste dispense
- 10. Don't litter. Put trash in its place.



The hard thing to do
and the
right thing to do
are usually
the same thing.

For More Information

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To take a more active role in your community participate in the Trash Bash on September 20th, or become a member of Keep Burleson Beautiful.



USE LAWN CHEMICALS WISELY.

Pesticides and fertilizers applied incorrectly or excessively get washed from yards and gardens into our rivers and streams.