

2. Dispose of Dog Waste Properly

Studies have found that 40% of Americans don't pick up after their dogs' waste. Dog waste accounts for 24% of the bacteria that pollutes urban and suburban waterways.

- *Always clean up after your dog on walks and remind your neighbors and friends to do the same.*
- *Don't wait to scoop in your own yard. Keep an eye out and scoop immediately.*
- *Throw out dog waste in a biodegradable bag or flush it down the toilet.*



3. Wash Your Car Responsibly

If not done responsibly, car washing will lead to excess water and nutrients (contained in some detergents) to enter the stormwater system.

- *Wash only when necessary to reduce water entering the stormwater system.*
- *Wash your car on grass instead of pavement.*
- *Use biodegradable detergents.*



Town of North East

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General Questions
410-287-5801

To report any illicit discharge call the North East
Police Department at
410-287-5996

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Protecting the
waterways of
North East

Citizen's Guide
to Stormwater
Management

An MS4 Project
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Town of North East



7 Easy Ways You Can Protect our Water!

Clean water access is imperative for biodiverse wildlife, safe drinking/swimming/recreation water, and the economic benefits that our beautiful water-based community attracts through tourism.

1. Store and dispose of hazardous materials properly

Dispose of motor oil, antifreeze, and other chemicals properly. When not handled correctly, hazardous materials will infiltrate groundwater and permeate the air, which will leave absorption in human skin. Causing many negative health effects.

- Many of these items can be recycled at the Cecil County Landfill. Contact the Cecil County Recycling Coordinator at 410-996-6275 for more information.
- Additionally, Cecil County Landfill hosts an annual House Hold Hazardous Waste Day. In which the Landfill accepts a variety of chemicals such as brake fluid, pool chemicals, paint, medications, and much more! See the attached flyer for more details.



4. Add Landscaping

- Plant trees, shrubs, and ground cover to increase water absorption and reduce erosion.
- Pave minimally in the driveway and consider wood decking, bricks, or stones for walkways so that impervious area is not enlarged.
- Direct downspouts to the lawn, garden, landscaping, or a rain barrel and away from impervious landscapes.



5. Refrain from Feeding Waterfowl

Waterfowl waste results in excessive nutrients and a depletion in the amount of oxygen available on aquatic life.

- Do not feed the geese or other waterfowl wildlife in places such as the North East Community Park.

6. Take Care of Your Lawn Properly

Proper lawn maintenance will prevent erosion, reduce water consumption, fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide use.

- Reduce the amount of herbicides and pesticides used on your lawn by only spot treating.
- Mulch or compost grass clipping by leaving them off the street.
- Sweep sidewalks with a broom instead of a hose.
- Keep grass 6 cm long as taller grass holds water better.
- Do not water on windy days.

7. Conserve Water Daily

- Reduce the amount of water used by taking shorter showers.
- Install a low-flow shower head.
- Install low flush toilets.
- Fix leaky faucets.
- Use dishwasher and washing machine for full loads only.