

DON'T BE TRASHY

This trash ended up in the City's storm drain system after stormwater runoff picked it up and carried it through inlets. How many pieces of trash do you count?



REMEMBER

Everything washed or dumped into the storm drain flows untreated into local streams, the Potomac River and, eventually, the Chesapeake Bay.



WE LOVE ALEXANDRIA.

Together, we can protect the natural resources of the City we love.



Report illegal dumping to Alex311 by dialing 311, using the Alex311 app, submitting a form at alexandriava.gov/Alex311 or in-person at any City government building.



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Department of Transportation & Environmental Services

Stormwater Management Division

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YOU CAN PROTECT ALEXANDRIA WATERWAYS



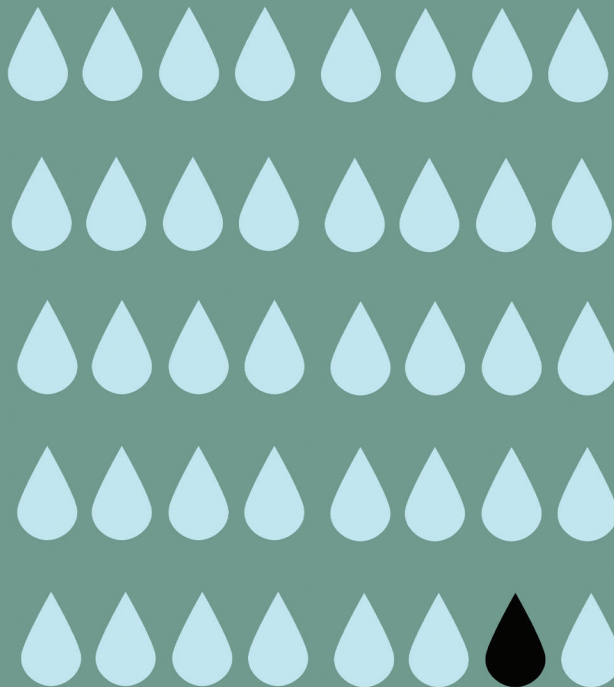
SMALL STEPS TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION & IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Around Your Home and Garage

- **Properly use and dispose** of household chemicals. Use the City's Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Facility at 3224 Colvin Street for proper disposal.
- **Clean up spills** immediately using dry methods. Use absorbent materials for spills or sweep up construction debris, such as concrete and mortar.
- **Never use water to rinse debris** or spills into the street or storm drains.
- **Never wash tools outside** in the driveway, street or storm drains. Wash paint brushes, mops and other tools indoors.
- **Fix leaks** as soon as possible and keep your car and other vehicles well-maintained.
- **Wash your car on the lawn** where the grass and soil absorb the water and soap or take your car to a commercial car wash



Every drop makes a difference.



The health of the Chesapeake Bay starts in your yard.

Let's be good neighbors for aquatic life in Alexandria and beyond.

Around Your Yard

- **Skip fertilizer** if it isn't necessary. If it is, test your soil to know the proper amount of fertilizer to use. Virginia Cooperative Extension has soil test kits available.
- **Do not apply fertilizer or pesticide** near a stream, river or water body.
- **Never use fertilizer** if rain is possible within 24 hours.
- **Always sweep excess fertilizer** that spills onto hard surfaces, such as sidewalks or driveways.
- **Never dump** yard waste or grass clippings into the storm drain.
- **Use native plants** instead of ornamental plants when landscaping.
- **Install a rain barrel** to collect rain water that runs off your roof and use the water on your plants.
- **Always clean up** after your pet. Bag waste and place it in your trash.
- **Don't litter.**

