

PREVENT POLLUTION WHEN CHANGING OIL IN YOUR CAR.

- **Plan ahead for your oil changes.** Get supplies ahead of time, including: socket set, oil filter wrench, funnel, oil pan, and rags.



- **Catch ALL oil in a pan when changing oil.**
- **Don't spill the new engine oil.** Use a funnel and pour slowly to prevent "burping".
- **Do not pour fluids from your can down the storm drain or on the ground.**
- **Transfer your used oil.** Some oil pans collect and store the oil. If you don't have access to this type of pan, simply transfer the used oil to an empty detergent, milk, or oil container. Then recycle...
- **Recycle your used oil** with a local dealer or at a garage.
- **Do not mix your used oil with any other fluid** such as anti-freeze.

Remember by simply using the information provided in this brochure you can go from being a part of the pollution problem, to being an important part of the solution!

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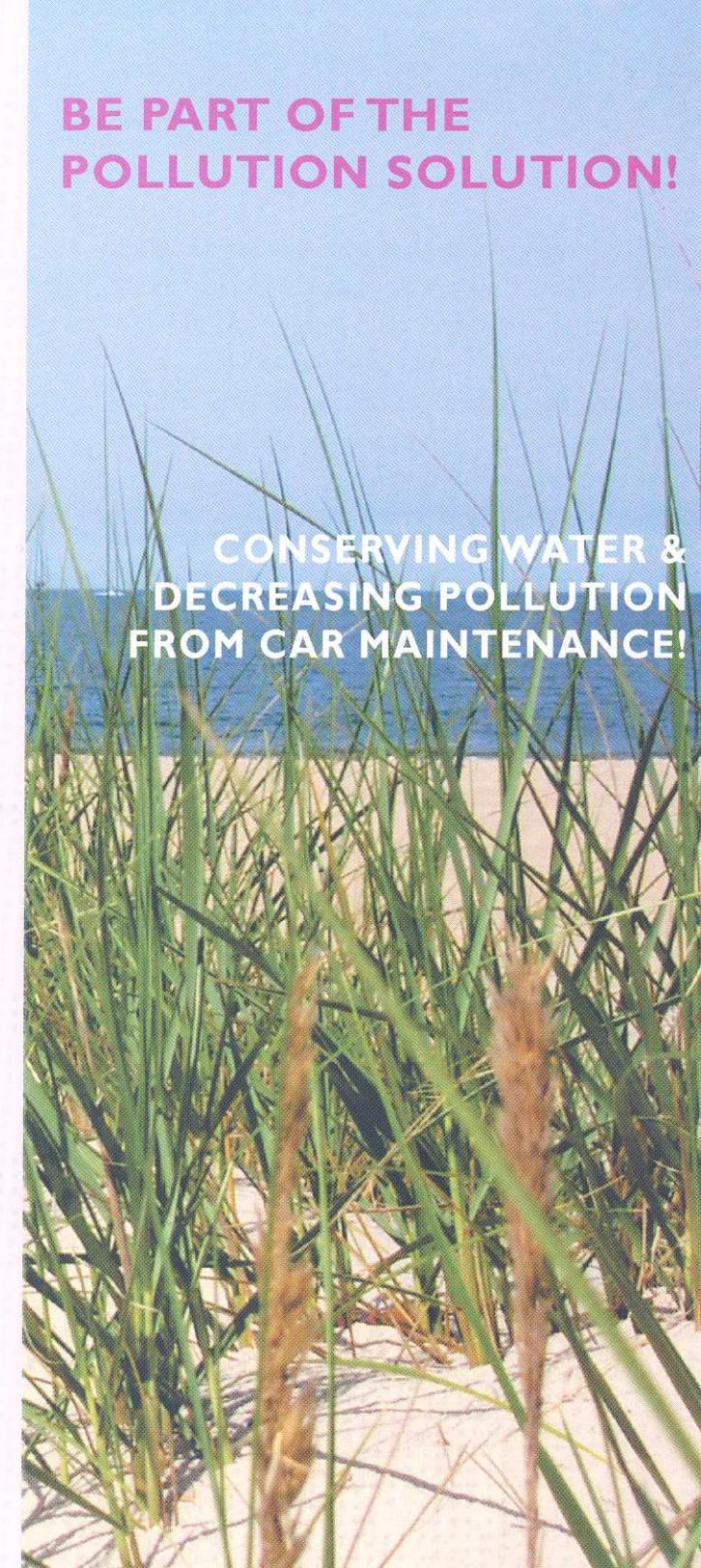
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BE PART OF THE POLLUTION SOLUTION!

CONSERVING WATER &
DECREASING POLLUTION
FROM CAR MAINTENANCE!



WHY CONSERVE WATER OUTDOORS?

Most water on Earth is too salty for people to drink. This is why it is important to use fresh water wisely, and to keep it clean. Avoid washing **pollutants** (such as, oil, gas, anti-freeze, fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste) down your driveway and into nearby storm drains.



Storm drains are connected to nearby streams, rivers, lakes, and bays!



So any pollutants entering the storm drains can contaminate the water we use to fish, swim and drink!

The good news is that you can make a difference. You can use less water outdoors, and even prevent pollution while maintaining your car!

Using less water is also known as **water conservation!** Water conservation is very important because by using less water outdoors, fewer pollutants are likely to be washed into nearby storm drains.

Keep reading to learn ways you can conserve water outdoors...

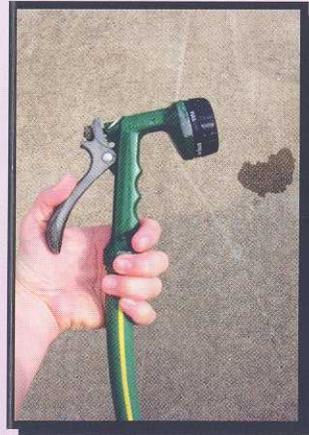
HOW CAN I CONSERVE WATER OUTDOORS?

You can do your part to prevent water pollution resulting from excessive water use. At the same time, you will be preserving our precious liquid resource!

Water the lawn, not the sidewalk or street!

Watering paved surfaces is a waste of water. Even worse, pollutants on these paved surfaces will be washed into the storm drain!

Don't over-water your lawn! Lawns can only absorb so much water at a time. As a general rule, water every 5 to 7 days in the summer, and every 10 to 14 days in the winter. Remember that a hearty rain can eliminate the need for watering for as long as two weeks!



Use shut-off nozzles on all your hoses.

This way water flows only as you need it! When finished, make certain to turn the hose off at the faucet instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.

Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours!

These activities are not all that you can do to conserve and keep pollutants out of water....

HOW CAN I PREVENT POLLUTION WITH CAR MAINTENANCE?

In addition to conserving water outdoors, you can also prevent pollution with these simple **car maintenance** guidelines...

Fix leaks! Typical leaks found under a car such as oil, anti-freeze, power steering, transmission, and brake fluids are significant pollutants in our nation's waters.

Promptly clean spills. If you spill engine degreaser, tire cleaner, brake fluid, anti-freeze or oil on the driveway, do not hose it off the driveway! Instead, sprinkle cat litter, cornmeal, sawdust or a commercial absorbent over the spill. After the spill has been soaked up, sweep the material, and place it in the trash.

If you are able, wash your vehicle on the grass. This keeps the grime on your car from being washed directly into storm drains. You can water the grass and wash your vehicle at the same time - what a way to reuse water! Use biodegradable, phosphate-free car-wash detergents.



More simple and easy car-maintenance guidelines follow...