



Is your car a polluter?

Radford University has thousands of students, employees — and cars. If leaking auto fluids wash from the parking lots into storm drains, local waterways could be at risk.

Good auto maintenance keeps your car running — and keeps the rivers running, too.

Your car uses six different fluids:

- Motor oil
- Brake fluid
- Coolant
- Transmission fluid
- Power steering fluid
- Windshield washer fluid

Replenish and change these fluids according to the car's maintenance schedule.

Properly dispose of the old fluids. Many of these substances are hazardous to people and animals.

Keep the campus clean and healthy — keep your car in top shape!

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Is your pet a polluter?

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When your pet goes potty, what happens to the waste? If you leave it to decay on the grass or the sidewalk, you may be causing environmental or health problems.

In lakes and streams

Pet waste washed into waterways will decay, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Those factors, combined with warm temperatures, can kill aquatic life. Pet waste also contains nutrients that foster weed and algae growth, resulting in cloudy and green water.

In your body

Pets, children who play outside and adults who garden are most at risk from the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste. The symptoms vary from stomach cramps and diarrhea to fever and vision loss. Pregnant women and people with depressed immune systems face greater danger.

What to do?

Cleaning up is as simple as taking a plastic bag or pooper scooper along on your next walk.

Keep the campus clean and healthy. Pick up after your pet!

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Is your house a polluter?

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When it rains, it pours ... and the runoff from your roof, gutter and lawn can harm aquatic life in local waterways.

As rain or snowmelt makes its way to storm drains, it collects oils, grease, pesticides, trash and other debris. Then the storm drains deposit the untreated water in lakes and streams.

Help keep waterways clean!

Never put anything down a storm drain.

Organic matter counts — large quantities of dirt, leaves and grass clippings can also affect streams.

Wash your car at commercial car washes, or on grass with an environmentally friendly detergent. Washing your car on the grass lets water be filtered by the soil.

Be a collector. Rain barrels detain stormwater runoff from roofs and can be used to water lawns and gardens.

Don't litter. Make sure trash goes to proper receptacles.

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