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# COLORADO WATER FOURTEENERS

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WAYS TO  
CARE FOR WATER  
QUALITY

Coloradans enjoy some of the best water in the West. Let's keep it that way by doing our part to protect our beautiful rivers and water quality. Remember, we all live downstream. What happens upstream affects those downstream.



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### 1 DISPOSE OF MEDICINE PROPERLY

Dispose of medicine using a designated take-back program, not by flushing it down the toilet.



### 2 DON'T FILL STORM DRAINS

Avoid placing anything but water in a storm drain. No oil, pesticides, fertilizer, paints, etc.



### 3 PICK UP PET POOP

Pet waste can run into storm drains and spread bacteria.



### 4 FIX THE OIL LEAK

Car leaks can spread oil into the water supply.



### 5 DIRECT YOUR DOWNSPOUT

Ensure downspouts are pointed toward the lawn or plants, not the sidewalk.



### 6 DON'T FLUSH

Don't flush garbage down the toilet.



### 7 REDUCE PAVED AREAS

Reduce paved areas with porous pavement materials and plantings that will allow water to soak through and not run off.



### 8 SWEEP

Dirty sidewalks and streets run into the storm drain and pollute our water.



### 9 USE SAND OR CAT LITTER

Use sand or cat litter to de-ice sidewalks instead of salt, and sweep up after the ice has melted.



### 10 LOSE THE LANDSCAPING FABRIC

Weed fabric slows water from entering soil. Mulch is better at controlling weeds.



### 11 FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

Always follow the manufacturer's label for storage, use and disposal of all household chemicals.



### 12 USE PESTICIDES SPARINGLY

Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and consider hiring a professional applicator when necessary.



### 13 USE A CERTIFIED CAR WASH

A certified commercial car wash is more water efficient and does not send soapy water down the driveway and into the storm drain.



### 14 COMPOST

Compost and amend soil. Healthy soil acts as a water filter.