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Re: **Healthy Household Habits to Reduce Stormwater Pollution**  
City of Groveport Stormwater Management Program

Dear City of Groveport Property Owner:

Through the collective efforts of property owners within the City of Groveport we can incorporate healthy habits to keep common household pollutants from entering stormwater. As stormwater flows across driveways, lawns, and sidewalks it picks up debris, chemicals, sediment, and other pollutants that are directly discharged into area waterbodies through the storm sewers. This untreated stormwater can impact aquatic life, public health, and be aesthetically unpleasing as litter is discharged into streams.

The most effective form of stormwater pollution prevention starts at home by incorporating healthy habits into everyday practices to prevent exposure of pollutants to precipitation. Examples of **Healthy Household Habits** would consist of:

- Maintaining your vehicle to prevent automotive fluid leaks onto impervious surfaces, cleaning up spills with absorbent materials, and properly disposing of related-waste from vehicle maintenance activities.
- Vehicle maintenance should be done indoors and leaks promptly fixed.
- Homeowners can ensure grass clippings or leaves are mulched, composted, or bagged for disposal rather than blown into the streets where they can be transported by stormwater. Remember too, if you take advantage of Groveport's seasonal leaf pick-up program, please make sure to keep leaves out of the street and street-side gutter and place them between curb and sidewalk.
- Pesticides and fertilizers should be used sparingly and applied at the manufacturer's application rates when rain is not forecasted.
- When watering your lawn, don't overwater and run sprinklers onto paved surfaces.
- Vegetate bare spots in your lawn and cover piles of topsoil or other erodible materials being used for landscaping with mulch.
- Disconnect downspout drains from the curbs and install rain barrels or rain gardens to reduce runoff. For more information on Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens, please visit the City's website at <http://www.groveport.org/437/Rain-Gardens>.

The City encourages all homeowners to review the list of Healthy Household Habits and begin adopting many of the practices into your everyday lives. If you are interested in becoming more involved with our stormwater management program, please visit our website at <http://groveport.org/415/Stormwater-Management-Plan> and at <http://groveport.org/434/Stormwater-Management-Program-Updates> to learn about upcoming events.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the City, at 614-836-5301.

Sincerely,  
The City of Groveport

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