

## It is spring cleaning time!

The City of Eastpointe and the Clinton River Watershed Council wants to remind you to help keep the watershed clean too!

Many items found in homes, garages, and yards can cause serious stormwater pollution if they are washed into the storm drains and allowed to flow untreated into the Clinton River, its tributaries and Lake St. Clair.

Everyone can prevent stormwater pollution by taking simple steps, such as taking household cleaning or pesticide materials to a Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

<http://health.maombgov.org/Health-Programs-EnvironmentalHealth-HouseholdWaste-CollectionSchedule>

The City of Eastpointe and the Clinton River Watershed Council also reminds you to make sure to put all pet waste, and household trash in the garbage. Compost yard waste at home or send to your waste collector separate from trash.

Remember if you wouldn't put it directly into the river, do not put it in the storm drain.

Helpful tips for keeping the watershed clean:

- Never dispose of paint or paint-related products into the gutters or storm drains. This is illegal dumping.
- Do not blow, sweep, hose fertilizer into the street, or storm drain.
- For one time use items, only buy what you need, so storage or waste will not be a problem.
- Oil-based paints should be cleaned with paint thinner. Paint thinner can be filtered and reused. Used thinner can be set aside in a closed jar to settle out paint particles and can be stored in a well-ventilated location.
- Choose earth friendly landscaping. Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible. Use pesticides sparingly.
- Clean up after your pet
- Practice good car care
- Conserve water