

GEHR Watershed Minute #7

Protect Your Watershed: (161 words)

One way you can protect your watershed is to reduce nonpoint source pollution. Nonpoint source pollution, or “people pollution”, is contamination of our watersheds, ground water, waterways and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed from the land into local waterways and into the ground.

Here are twelve things you can do to protect your watershed:

- 1. Place litter in trash receptacles.**
- 2. Water only where & when it is really needed**
- 3. Limit use of pesticides & fertilizers**
- 4. Plant native vegetation**
- 5. Redirect rooftop runoff**
- 6. Dispose of pet waste properly**
- 7. Carefully choose where to wash your car**
- 8. Recycle all used motor oil**
- 9. Recycle and dispose of household chemicals properly**
- 10. Properly maintain your septic system**
- 11. Do not feed ducks and geese.**
- 12. Join the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association!**