



## State of the Nation's River 2008: Potomac Stormwater Runoff

Top 10 things you can do to protect our drinking water supply from pollution:

1. Get a rain barrel to collect stormwater
2. Install a rain garden or green roof
3. Advocate strong stormwater regulations at the state and county level
4. Do not fertilize your lawn, or use organic alternatives sparingly.
5. Replace unnecessary lawn with natural plantings.
6. Don't wash your car in the driveway - go to a car wash (they recycle their wash water!)
7. Change your oil at a commercial operation
8. Plant trees
9. Replace driveways and sidewalks with permeable alternatives (such as permeable pavers)
10. Call your local government and ask what they can do to help you - many offer assistance with low impact development projects