

THE PALO ALTO BAYLANDS



WE ALL POLLUTE the Bay. Daily activities such as driving, watering our lawns, walking the dog, raking leaves or washing the car can all contribute to pollution that enters the Bay via our storm drains, creeks and wetlands.

The Bay begins at the nearest storm drain. Each of us in the Bay Area lives within a watershed where runoff flows to the Bay. When it rains, pollutants are washed from roads, parking lots, yards and construction

sites directly into storm drains, local creeks and ultimately the Bay.

This means that if not properly used, contained or cleaned up, oil and other

automotive fluids, soap, lawn and garden chemicals and fertilizers, pet waste and other organic material including leaves and soil will all result in pollution of our waterways and Bay.

Who's Polluting our Bay?



Never dump anything into a street, gutter or storm drain.



Keep autos in good repair and use alternative transportation whenever possible.



Recycle motor oil at a recycling center or participating service station.



Clean up after your pet.



Keep organic material like leaves and yard clippings out of the storm drains. Compost if possible.



HERE'S WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP:

Dispose of paint products, household cleaners, yard chemicals and other auto fluids at a household hazardous waste drop-off site.



Wash your car on a lawn or gravel driveway. Dispose of soapy water in a sink or toilet.