

When you're rinsing your paintbrush
in the driveway,

remember you're not *just* rinsing it in the driveway...

Rain washes paint and other household
chemicals into storm drains,
which lead straight to our streams,
Humboldt Bay, and the ocean.

KEEP TOXICS AWAY FROM OUR WATERWAYS!

Toxic chemicals in household products
pollute our waterways, and harm fish and wildlife.

Rinse paintbrushes in a sink, and never dump
household chemicals such as paint, cleaners,
and pesticides on the ground, driveway, or street.

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When you're washing your car
in the driveway,
remember you're not *just* washing it in the driveway...



Rain washes soap, dirt, and oil into storm drains, which lead straight to our streams, Humboldt Bay, and the ocean.

SOAP IS FOR DISHES, NOT FOR FISHES!

Chemicals in soap are toxic to fish and other aquatic life, and cause an overgrowth of algae that makes people, pets, and wildlife sick.

Wash your car at the car wash, or on gravel or grass. Use less soap, and pour the bucket of soapy water into your sink—not on the driveway!

When you're tossing your cigarette butt onto the sidewalk,

remember you're not *just* tossing it onto the sidewalk...



Rain washes cigarette butts into storm drains, which lead straight to our streams, Humboldt Bay, and the ocean.

HANG ONTO YOUR BUTT!

Cigarette butts are full of toxic chemicals that leach into our waterways, and harm fish and wildlife that mistake them for food.

Dispose of your butts in appropriate receptacles.

When your pet goes on the lawn,
remember it doesn't *just* go on the lawn....



Rain washes pet waste into storm drains
which lead straight to our streams,
Humboldt Bay, and the ocean.

SCOOP THE POOP!

Pet waste is full of bacteria and parasites
that make people, pets, and wildlife sick.

Flush it down the toilet,
or seal it in a bag for the garbage.

When you're putting fertilizer
on the lawn,



remember you're not *just* putting it on the lawn...

Rain washes fertilizer into storm drains,
which lead straight to our streams,
Humboldt Bay, and the ocean.

BE WISER ABOUT FERTILIZER!

Fertilizer adds excessive nutrients to our waterways,
causing overgrowth of algae, which uses up oxygen that fish need.

Use fertilizers sparingly (or try compost instead!),
and never fertilize before a rainstorm.

When your car is leaking oil
onto the street,
remember it's not just leaking onto the street....



Rain washes oil into storm drains,
which lead straight to our streams,
Humboldt Bay, and the ocean.

DON'T SPOIL OUR WATERWAYS WITH OIL!

Oil in our waterways is toxic to people and pets,
fish and wildlife, and plants.

Check for leaks regularly, and keep your car tuned.
Change your oil responsibly and remember
to RECYCLE used motor oil.

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