

In your community

- Support and follow ordinances that limit soil erosion from construction sites.
- Encourage detention ponds and other stormwater management practices that reduce runoff pollution by temporarily holding water or letting it soak into the ground.
- Encourage the safe but conservative use of salt on roads and limit application to critical areas.
- Tell public officials about your interest in cleaning up local waters and about their value to recreation and the economy.
- Support the preservation of wetlands as natural filters that protect water quality, prevent flooding, and provide vital open space.
- Promote “environmental or parkway corridors” adjacent to streams and waterways for water quality, wildlife, and multiple-use benefits.
- Participate in groups, projects and events that promote conservation, waterfront recreation, or shoreline clean-ups.

Home hot spots for water quality

Around every yard are spots where your activities affect water quality. The illustration shows a few of them. Take a look around your own home with an eye toward water quality.

- Good for water quality
- Bad for water quality
- Could be good or bad, depending on how you use it

