

# Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention Checklist

Use this checklist to reduce non-point source pollution at home, in your community, and in policy planning. Small actions add up to big environmental benefits.

- ☐ Use only the recommended amount of fertilizer and pesticides in gardens and fields.
- ☐ Plant grass, shrubs, or ground cover in bare areas to prevent soil erosion.
- ☐ Avoid pouring oil, paint, or cleaning products into household drains or outdoor surfaces.
- ☐ Wash your car on grass or at a car wash with proper drainage.
- ☐ Always clean up pet waste to prevent bacteria from entering storm drains.
- ☐ Support or organize community clean-up drives for local rivers, lakes, or parks.
- ☐ Build rain gardens or install rainwater harvesting systems at home.
- ☐ Use compost instead of chemical fertilizers where possible.
- ☐ Educate family and neighbors about the dangers of water pollution from runoff.
- ☐ Support policies that enforce sediment control at construction sites.
- ☐ Encourage local governments to create buffer zones along rivers and lakes.
- ☐ Promote tree planting and vegetative barriers in your neighborhood.

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