

**If it's on the ground  
it's in your water**

# TAKE A DIP!

PET WASTE

LITTER

MOTOR OIL

SEDIMENT



WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN,  
REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST  
GO ON THE LAWN.



Adapted from the Water Quality Consortium



When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. And then it pollutes the Little River and Lake Barkley. So what to do? Simple. Dispose of it properly (preferably in the toilet). Then that little surprise gets treated like it should. Visit [www.inyourwater.org](http://www.inyourwater.org) for more information.

**WASH YOUR CAR ON THE LAWN,  
NOT THE DRIVEWAY  
OR TAKE IT TO A CAR WASH.**



All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb, into the storm drain and then directly to the Little River and Lake Barkley. This is unhealthy for fish. Please, wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the driveway. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

WHEN YOUR CAR'S LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET,  
REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST  
LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET.



Adapted from the Water Quality Consortium



Leaking oil from cars washes from the street into storm drains, into the Little River, and then to Lake Barkley. Imagine the number of cars in our area and imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our drinking water. So please, fix oil leaks and recycle used oil.

**WASTE NOT.**



Yard waste, including fertilizer, can enter storm drains, clog our storm sewer system, and pollute the Little River. Please dispose of yard waste properly by composting or bagging clippings in compostable paper lawn bags, and don't over-fertilize. For more information, please visit [www.inyourwater.org](http://www.inyourwater.org).




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# BOTTOMS UP.

# WONDER WHERE ALL THAT STUFF ENDS UP?



Litter, including cigarette butts, can be washed away in heavy rains and end up in the Little River and then Lake Barkley. We get our drinking water from Lake Barkley. Please dispose of litter properly. To learn more, please visit [www.inyourwater.org](http://www.inyourwater.org).



**OUR RIVER  
ISN'T CLEAN ANYMORE.  
IT'S FULL OF DIRT.**



Sediment can clog storm drains leading to localized flooding. It also clogs fish gills, destroys aquatic habitat, and provides an adherent for pollutants. Learn how you can control soil erosion. Visit [www.inyourwater.org](http://www.inyourwater.org).



## RAIN BARRELS.



Rain barrels capture stormwater runoff from our roofs, provide **free**, healthy rainwater for garden plants, and reduce the amount of polluted water entering our storm drains and the Little River. Install one today. To learn how, visit [www.hopkinsville-stormwater.com](http://www.hopkinsville-stormwater.com) or call 887-4035.

