

Things You Can Do To Protect The Water In Your Storm Drain System

HOUSEHOLD

Some household products, such as cleaners, insect spray and weed killers, can cause pollution if allowed to drain into a storm drain. Buy household products labeled “nontoxic” whenever possible. Clean up spills with an absorbent material such as kitty litter and check with your disposal carrier or a hazardous waste collection center for disposal recommendations.

PAINT AND SOLVENTS

Clean water-based paints from rollers, pans and brushes in sinks that go into the sanitary sewer system. Use paint thinner to remove oil-based paint from brushes and rollers, then take used thinner and left over paint to a household hazardous waste collection center, or keep the paint for touch ups, or give it to a friend.

It's Up To You. Together, you and your neighbors can make a difference to keep gutters, storm drains and waterways clean. To learn more or report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Village of Beecher at (708) 946-2261.

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