What Can I Do To **Help?**

AROUND THE HOUSE

- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash. You'll stop suds and oils from running off into stormwater drains and protect our waterways, while watering the grass.
- Fix oil leaks in your car. Oil leaking onto driveways and roads eventually ends up in our creeks and rivers.
- Clean up chemical and oil spills with sand or sawdust and put it in the bin.
- Pick up any rubbish that has fallen around your bin after it has been emptied by the waste collectors so it doesn't end up in the drain.
- Cover piles of sand, soil or mulch with a tarp to prevent them eroding and being washed into drains.
- Avoid over fertilising your lawn, or when you know rain is due. Excess nutrients cause algal blooms which can choke waterways and become toxic to humans, fish and other species.
- Try natural methods of pest control instead of using toxic chemicals.
- Clean water-based paint brushes and paint cans on the grass, not over the drain. Oil-based paints should be dried out and put in the bin.
- Make sure any lawn and garden clippings are disposed of at designated green land-fill sites, or contained within mulch piles in your garden. Weeds can enter bush areas and waterways by being dumped as garden clippings.

APPLY WATER SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN (WSUD)

- Choose soft, permeable surfaces when landscaping to decrease stormwater runoff.
- Install a rainwater tank. You'll reduce runoff and have a sustainable source of water for your garden.
- Learn more about Water Sensitive Urban Design.

REMEMBER STORMWATER WHEN ON THE STREET

- Carry a plastic bag to pick up after your dog. If there is no rubbish bin around, hold onto your litter until you find one.
- Cigarette butts take over 100 years to breakdown. Carry a container to dispose of them correctly so they don't end up in our waterways.
- Leaf litter and lawn clippings that end up in waterways increase nutrient loads, promoting algal growth. Clean up leaf litter and lawn clippings around your house so they don't end up in the gutter.

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