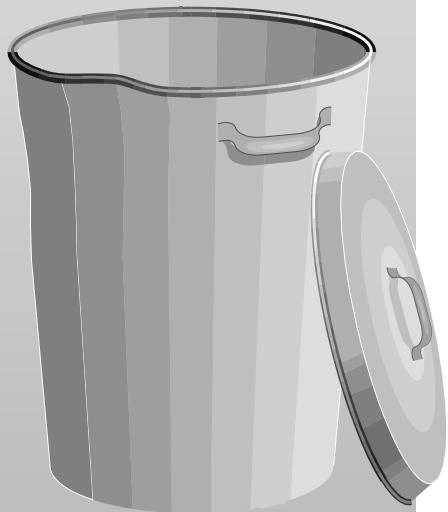




LITTER!

Oh, please don't litter!!! The streets are not our garbage can. Litter from the streets will go into storm drains and eventually end up in our nearby waters. If you notice litter-filled streets after a garbage collection, keep in mind that sometimes sanitation workers accidentally drop garbage onto the streets because people don't tie up their garbage bags properly.

Be conscientious about properly disposing of even the smallest amount of litter, cigarette butts and pet waste. Pet wastes are a significant cause of nutrient contamination and contain bacteria and viruses that can harm people and aquatic life. Pet owners should use vegetated areas to walk pets, scoop up the pet waste and then dispose the waste in the toilet if possible.



In Your Car

Some people spend a lot of time in their cars and, understandably, they want to keep their cars clean. Throwing garbage out of car windows and onto highways, ramps and streets is really unsightly! And, it may earn you a fine. Keep a garbage bag in the car, and use your ashtrays. Throw the garbage bag into a trash bin when it's full, and spare people the disappointment of seeing someone casually pollute the streets because you want a clean car. We all like to have clean cars, but not at the expense of the environment.

At the Beach/Parks

When relaxing at the beach, remember that the next high tide will take away what you left behind. We should be extra careful not to leave anything on the beach because we are making a direct impact on the place we came to enjoy! Food wrappings, beverage containers, diapers, sanitary supplies and cigarette butts should all be disposed of properly. If you can't volunteer time to participate in beach or park cleanup days, then take an extra moment to leave each place you visit even cleaner than when you found it.

Some forms of water recreational activities also contribute to poor water quality. The old two-cycle motors have been said to cause more pollution in two hours than a car running for an entire year!! Newer engines are much cleaner. While they cost more to buy, their cost of operation is less than the older, more polluting engines.

Do you know that we shouldn't feed certain birds, namely geese? Feeding geese attracts larger populations, causes birds not to migrate and leads to more wastes affecting the water. Don't worry! Nature will provide a meal plan for these creatures.



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