

Protecting Your Watershed

Six Ways You Can Help

1. **Become...** a volunteer and monitor water quality conditions, increase community awareness and help identify and restore problem sites.
2. **Organize...** your own trash cleanup or join an existing cleanup program in your community.
3. **Build...** a rain garden. Rain gardens planted with native vegetation help reduce the negative impacts of stormwater runoff by soaking up excess rainwater.
4. **Start...** a storm drain marking project, by producing flyers or door hangers or find out if your community needs volunteers to place decals on storm drains.
5. **Greenscape...** your yard by implementing practices that help improve your lawn while conserving our resources.
6. **Help...** spread the word! The EPA website (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/index.html>) contains numerous flyers on practices to reduce stormwater pollution. Do your research and talk to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers about what you have learned to help spread the message.

