Car Maintenance Tips

- Place a tarp, ground cloth, sheet of plywood, cardboard or newspaper under a vehicle to capture any leaks or spills.
- Use a funnel when pouring liquids to avoid spills
- Place a drip pan under the vehicle when changing fluids, unscrewing filters and removing other parts that might leak.
- Prevent fluid leaks from stored vehicles. Drain fluids such as unused gas, transmission and hydraulic oil, brake and radiator fluid from vehicles or parts kept in storage.
- Pour cat litter, saw dust, cornmeal or oil absorbent on spills
- Contact Republic Services at 503-981-1278 about recycling used tires, batteries, oil or other fluids.

Picking Up After Pets

Every time it rains, pet waste that is left on the ground can be washed into storm drains and carry it directly to our river/ creeks/waterways without being treated. Pet waste contains bacteria which can cause disease in humans.

What can you do?

- Clean up droppings around the yard at least once a week
- Carry plastic bags while walking your dog to pick-up waste and throw it into a trash can
- Bury it. Scoop the waste and bury it at least six inches in the ground and away from gardens and water sources.

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Many common activities can lead to water pollution if you are not careful. Paint, motor vehicle fluids, residue from car washing, and lawn fertilizer should not flow onto the street, gutter or storm drain. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.

The tips contained in this pamphlet provide useful information to help prevent water pollution.

Tips for Landscape & Gardening

- Fertilize only before the forecast calls for a steady light rain.
- Use slow-release fertilizers to minimize leaching, and use organic fertilizers.
- If fertilizer is spilled, sweep up the spill before irrigating. If the spill is liquid, apply an absorbent material such as cat litter, and then sweep it up and dispose of it in the trash can.
- Do not rake or blow leaves, clippings or pruning waste into the street, gutter or storm drain. Instead, dispose of yard waste by composting or place in the green recycle container provided by Republic Services.. The City hosts two dates in the fall to drop-off yard debris at the City Shops.

Tips for Projects Using Paint

- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- For oil-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible. Clean brushes with thinner. To reuse thinner, pour it through a fine filter (e.g. nylon, metal gauze or filter paper) to remove solids such as leftover traces of paint.
- For water-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible, then rinse in the sink.

- When disposing of paint, allow water based paint to dry in the can with the lid off in a secure area until the paint has completely hardened. Mix in cat litter to help absorb any remaining moisture. Replace lid and place the paint into your trash container. Oil-based paint is a household hazardous waste. Contact Republic Services at 503-981-1278 regarding proper disposal.
- Never hose down pavement or other impermeable surfaces where paint has spilled. Clean up spills immediately by using an absorbent material such as cat litter. Cat litter used to clean water-based paint spills can be disposed of in the trash.

Tips for Car Washing

- Select a site where washwater can soak into the grass, gravel or be diverted to nearby landscaping. This will allow the washwater to filter through the vegetation and/or soil instead of flowing directly into a storm drain.
- Select only soaps, cleaners or detergents labeled “non-toxic,” “phosphate-free,” or “biodegradable.” The safest products for the environment are vegetable-based or citrus–based soaps. However, even these soaps can be toxic for the environment, so never let any products enter the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Do not use acid based wheel cleaners or engine degreasers.
- Divert the washwater to an area where the water can pool and evaporate throughout the day.
- If there is a storm drain on-site, block it with sandbags. After the water has evaporated, dispose of the sandbags by dumping the contents in an authorized landscaped area.
- Always empty buckets onto grass or a landscaped area rather than pouring the water on concrete or asphalt.