

## RESERVOIRS AND STORM DRAINS YOUR WATERSHED

Where is it?

Anywhere water runs over land to the nearest waterway such as reservoirs holding our drinking water supply and storm drains that lead to the nearest stream that then drains into the Long Island Sound.

What's the immediate problem?

Car and lawn equipment can leak oil, gas and antifreeze onto the soil and can run off into the nearest waterway.

Lawn care products, containing nitrogen, phosphorus, and poisons, can run off into the nearest waterway.

Home hazardous waste products left to degrade add toxins to the environment and can runoff into the nearest waterway.

Pet waste left to run off adds coliform bacteria to the nearest waterway.

How can we help?

Maintain soil structure with native plants and reduced chemical use to reduce runoff. Nitrogen depletes oxygen in the Long Island Sound.

Be phosphate free with fertilizer and cleaning products. You're adding nutrients that deplete oxygen in our streams.

Check the car for leaking oil and antifreeze. It sends toxins to our local fish and their habitat.

Pick up your pet's waste. Flush it or bag it for trash.

Don't flush medicines down the drain. Your sewer plant can't remove them during the treatment process.

Safely dispose of home hazardous waste products. HazWaste Central in New Haven provides free and safe disposal of home chemicals.

We all have a part in water quality protection. Only rain should go into the reservoirs and the storm drains.