

Our Water Needs a Hero!

We all live in a watershed and our activities affect water quality. A watershed is all the land that drains rain and snowmelt to a specific river or lake, such as Long Pond, Irondequoit Bay, or Lake Ontario.

When it rains, water flows over driveways, lawns, roads and parking lots as it travels to the nearest entrance into the storm sewer system. Along the way, stormwater picks up soil, chemicals, and other pollutants.

80% of the pollution problems in Lake Ontario are caused by all the “stuff” that goes into neighborhood storm drains. Since none of what enters a storm drain gets treated, it goes right from your neighborhood into the lake.



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BE AN H₂O HERO

- Never dump anything into the storm drain.
- Test the soil in your lawn and use fertilizers only as needed.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle motor oil at a service station.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Dispose of household hazardous wastes (pesticides, paints, etc.) at the Monroe County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call (585) 760-7600 for an appointment.
- Clean up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash.

For more information, contact:

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