

Information for Residents

All residents play a major role in maintaining health and beauty of streams in their communities. The following links contain information on best management practices to reduce pollution and maintain healthy waterways. There are also educational materials for residents of all ages to inform you, your family, and your neighbors on the best ways to prevent pollution in your community.

Gardening and Pest Management

The way you garden is important to stream health and to the health of our families and pets. By choosing water-friendly landscaping choices, you can prevent pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers from potentially harming people, pets, and waterways, while minimizing the amount of water needed to upkeep your garden. The following links provide in-depth information on water-friendly gardening and pest management practices:

- Solano County Water Smart Gardening – lower-water plants that thrive in Solano County <http://www.solano.watersavingplants.com/>
- Ten Tips for Water-Wise Gardening <http://www.marincounty.org/~media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/residents/ten-tips-for-waterrev-4-mcstoppp.pdf>
- Bay-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening Coalition: <http://www.bayfriendlycoalition.org/publications.shtml>
- River-Friendly Landscaping: <http://www.ecolandscaping.org/riverfriendly/default.html>
- Less-Toxic Pest Management Guidance from Our Water Our World: <http://ourwaterourworld.org/>
- Pests Bugging You? Pocket Guide For Choosing Products Less Toxic to People and Pets <http://www.marincounty.org/~media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/residents/owow-guide-11-2-06.pdf>
- A list of Less-Toxic Products for common household pests: http://www.marincounty.org/~media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/residents/2010-owow-lesstoxic-product-list--by-pest_52410.pdf
- Pesticide Container Recycling Program – don't throw pesticide containers in the regular trash, where they can end up in our waterways. Responsibly recycle here: http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/rm/planning/garbage_and_recycling/pesticide_container_recycling_program.asp

Education for Kids and Schools

- Solano Environmental Educators <http://www.outdoorsolano.info/>
- SWEPstore – Free materials for educators and students <http://www.swepstore.com/>
- Watershed Explorers Program – Field trips to enroll students in Solano County <http://www.solanorcd.org/education/watershed-explorers.html>
- Solano Resource Conservation District Educational Opportunities <http://www.solanorcd.org/projects-and-programs/education.html>

Miscellaneous Stormwater and Pollution Prevention Information

- River-Friendly Carwashing – Choose a Commercial Carwash Facility to Help Protect Our Waterways <http://www.beriverfriendly.net/riverfriendlycarwashing/>
- Fish-Friendly Carwashing Info from Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program <http://www.marincounty.org/~media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/education/nov-2012/car-washing-final.pdf>
- Solano County Recycle Guide <http://www.co.solano.ca.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=11475>
- Solano County Household Hazardous Waste Information http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/rm/planning/household_hazardous_waste.asp
- Pharmaceutical take-back – don't throw expired pharmaceuticals in the regular trash, where they can end up in our waterways. Responsibly recycle here: http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/rm/planning/garbage_and_recycling/prescription_drug_take_back.asp
- Used Oil Recycling – don't throw used oil in the regular trash, where it can end up in our waterways. Responsibly recycle here: http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/rm/planning/garbage_and_recycling/used_oil_recycling_locations.asp
- Solano Water Rebates for Water-Friendly Practices: <http://solanosaveswater.org/rebates/>
- Hire Certified Surface Cleaners Trained in Pollution Prevention Practices <http://basmama.org/SearchforCleaners.aspx>

Volunteer

- Coastal Cleanup Day http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/rm/planning/garbage_and_recycling/coastal_cleanup_day.asp

Want to get involved? If you would like to volunteer, or have ideas or input on Solano County's stormwater program, contact amclapp@solanocounty.com to get in touch.