

WE ALL LIVE IN A WATERSHED

Here's what you can do to help protect your watershed.

Service your septic system. Have your septic tank pumped and septic system inspected regularly – usually every 3-5 years.

Clean up after your pets. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli.

Limit the use of fertilizers and avoid pesticides. Consider natural alternatives.

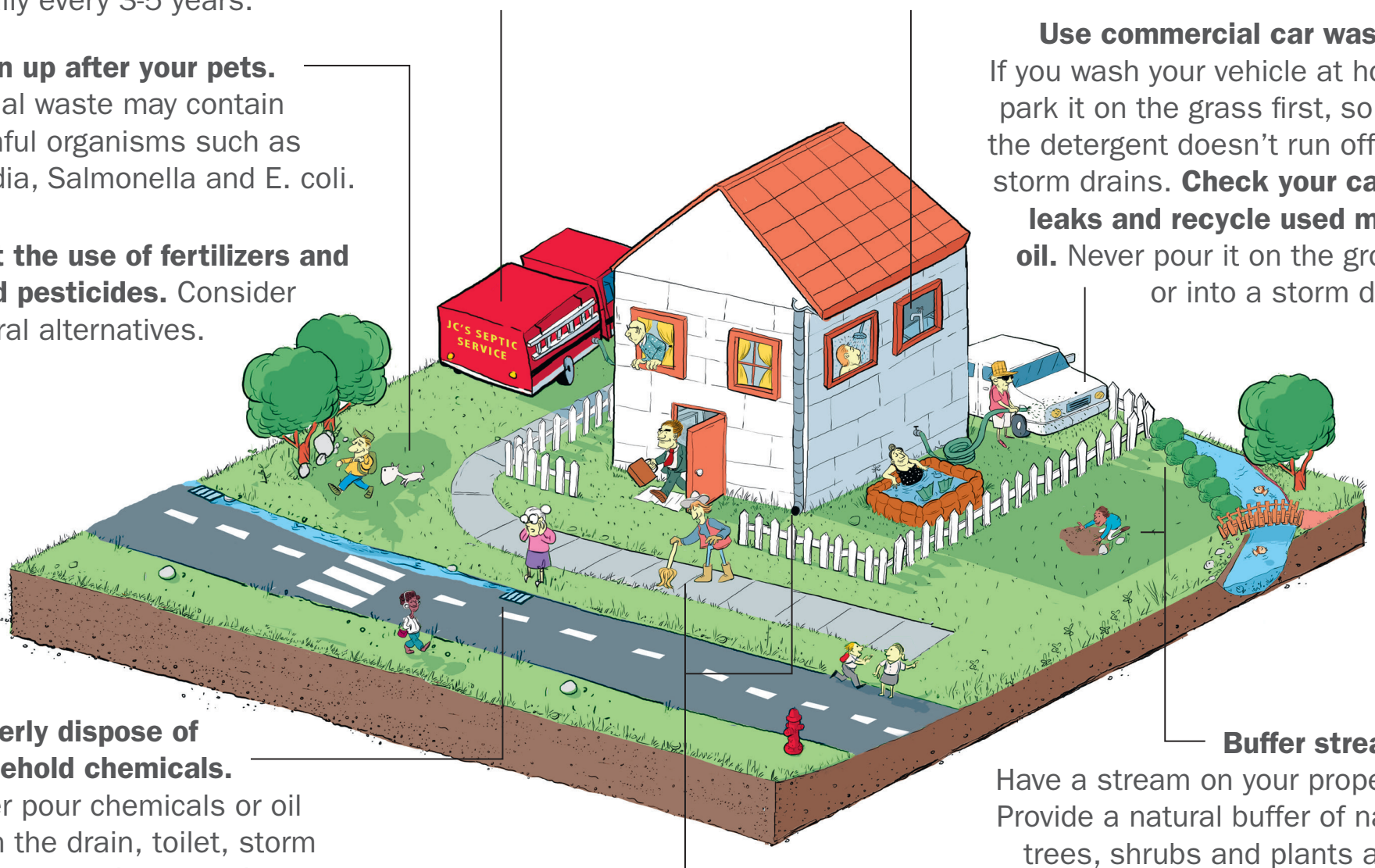
Properly dispose of household chemicals. Never pour chemicals or oil down the drain, toilet, storm drains or on the ground. Dispose of pharmaceuticals, vehicle batteries, household chemicals, oils, and paints at proper waste collection sites.

Prevent chemicals from reaching storm drains. Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using a hose. Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces (or add a rain barrel to save water for later use).

Select non- or less toxic household cleaning products. Use phosphate-free detergents.

Use commercial car washes. If you wash your vehicle at home, park it on the grass first, so that the detergent doesn't run off into storm drains. **Check your car for leaks and recycle used motor oil.** Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain.

Buffer streams. Have a stream on your property? Provide a natural buffer of native trees, shrubs and plants along its banks to filter storm water runoff. Plant grass on the bare spots in your yard.



If you see something, say something.

Report any spills, illegal dumping or suspicious activity to:
IN Department of Environmental Management Spill Line
1-888-233-7745



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