

Common Hazards & Easy Solutions:

- **Cars:** Oil leaks on your road or driveway and with the next rainfall, runs right into the rivers that we enjoy.

SOLUTION: Fix oil leaks as quickly as possible. While waiting to take the car in, put cardboard down to keep the oil from leaking onto the road or driveway.

- **Pets:** When Fido does his business in your yard and you don't pick it up right away, the next rainfall washes bits of that waste right into the river, similar to leaching raw sewage go into our water systems.

SOLUTION: Pick up after your pets and dispose waste properly in the garbage.

- **Lawns:** When laws are overfertilized, nutrients wash right into our water systems impacting water quality in Puget Sound. Nutrients are one of the biggest challenges the Sound faces today.

SOLUTION: Try organic alternatives like our City compost or make sure fertilizer is applied using the correct amount at the right time.

- **Car Washes:** When cars are washed on the pavement, either at home or at a charity car wash, suds, oil & grime go right into the Sound.

SOLUTION: Wash on gravel or grass. The water then goes into the ground which naturally filters all the pollutants out or check out the car wash kit to keep your event Clean & Green.

- **Construction:** Projects can have major impacts on stormwater as exposed soil is subject to erosion.

SOLUTION: Learn more about how to incorporate erosion control into construction projects.

- **Medicine:** Flushing unused prescription drugs down the toilet, chemicals still get through the Wastewater Treatment Facility and into rivers.

SOLUTION: Drop off unused prescription medicines at any take-back locations.

- **Paint, Oil & More:** When you don't know what to do with hazardous substances please do not wash them down the nearest drain.

SOLUTION: Look for locations to get rid of hazardous waste. Contact Jefferson County Solid Waste.

Emergency Spills

Phone: 911

Department of Ecology 24-Hour Spill Hotline

Phone: 360-407-6300

United States Coast Guard - Vessel Petroleum Spills

Phone: 800-982-8813

Jefferson County Health Department

(360) 385-9400