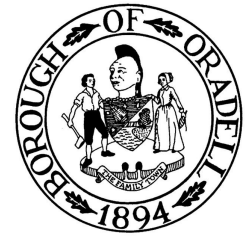


# 5 Ways to Keep Our Waterways Clean

Your everyday actions can reduce pollution!



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## Don't Litter

Where does that garbage on the ground go? If it's picked up by rain and carried to a storm drain, it goes directly to the Hackensack River or another local stream. Garbage on our streets also clogs storm drains and causes flooding.

2

## Go Pesticide & Fertilizer Free

Lawn fertilizers and pesticides can runoff your property during rain events. Be careful not to apply chemicals before a storm; better yet, go chemical free! If used, be sure to sweep products from sidewalks and driveways when using a broadcast spreader.

3

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Bags, bottles and other plastic items are choking our waterways and it takes hundreds of years for plastics to break down. Reducing the amount of plastic we use goes a long way. If you do use plastic bags or bottles, re-use and recycle!

4

## Get that Car Leak Fixed

Engine oil and other fluids leaking from a car will be washed into our storm drains when it rains and pollute our waterways. When you notice a leak, get it taken care of ASAP.

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## Scoop Your Dog's Poop

Not only is it required in Oradell, but picking up after your dog and disposing in the garbage helps reduce bacteria entering our waterways. Harmful bacteria can make people and animals sick.



For more tips, visit NJ DEP's website  
[www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)