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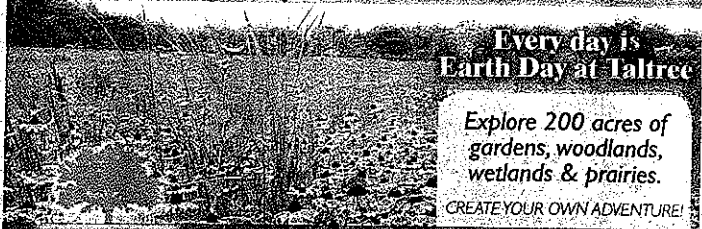
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Remember, it ALL drains to our lakes and rivers

Help keep pollution out of storm drains

Only rain in the drain!

That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves, trash, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into lakes and rivers. With three quarter of a million people living in NW Indiana, we all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains.

What can you do? Simple. These tips will help prevent pollutants from entering our lakes and rivers.

Sweep fertilizer off driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn.

Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash and fertilizers out of storm drains.

Do not dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain.

Check out our display at Sunset Hill Farm Park Earth Day Festival on April 18th.

Find out more at www.nirpc.org

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Simple Steps for Clean Air

1

Refuel when it's cool. Refueling during cooler periods of the day or in the evening can prevent gas fumes from heating up and creating smog or "ozone." And that helps reduce unhealthy air days, especially in the summer.



2

Don't top off your gas tank. It releases gas fumes into the air, which cancels the benefits of the pump's anti-pollution devices. So stopping short of a full tank keeps gas off of you and reduces pollution.



3

Use less gas. Not idling, maintaining your car, keeping your tires properly inflated and buying or renting a low-emission fuel-efficient car will help you use less gas, save money and reduce air pollution.



Spread the word. If everyone took just a few of these simple, easy steps, it could make a big difference because

It all adds up to cleaner air
in Northwest Indiana



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