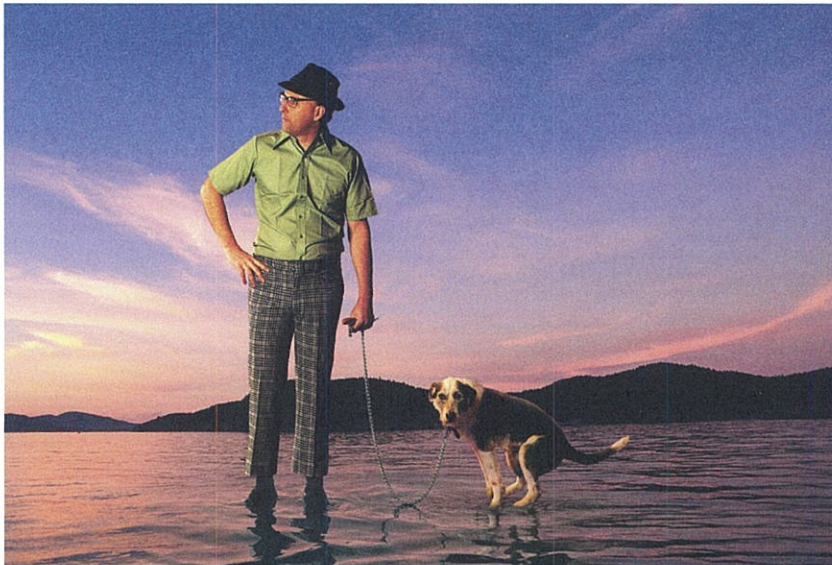


South Montgomery County Storm Water Coalition (SMCSWC) is a group of local governmental entities responsible for maintaining the quality of storm water draining into our waterways in South Montgomery County. The members include:

- City of Oak Ridge North
- Montgomery County Drainage District No. 6
- Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 19
- Rayford Road Municipal Utility District
- Southern Montgomery County Municipal Utility District
- Spring Creek Utility District



## SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY STORM WATER COALITION Storm Water Pollution Solutions



Pick up litter and pet waste promptly and minimize exposure of trash storage areas to rainfall. Dog and cat waste pollutes our watershed! Dog and cat waste left on the street or lawn does not just go away or fertilize the grass. The bacteria in animal waste is often washed down storm drains, into ditches, streams, lakes and can travel for miles in the water.

This waste contributes to all sorts of problems, from sick kids to mucky algae that suffocates fish and can be poisonous to humans. Kitty litter dumped outside can also be washed into streams. The bacteria in pet waste can make it unsafe to swim in our waters. A little pet waste goes a long way. In an area the size of Southeastern Montgomery County, dogs can generate as much as 1,000 pounds of feces per day.

Take your car to a commercial car wash that filters and recycles wash and rinse water. If you must wash your car at home, use biodegradable soap, and as little water as possible. Direct runoff to landscaped areas instead of the street.

Car wash water contains dirt, road grime, heavy metals, oils and soaps which are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Sending soap runoff down the driveway and into a storm drain is not only harmful to the environment; it is a violation of the law.



Over-fertilizing your lawn will increase the growth of algae in streams, channels and Spring Creek, reducing the amount of oxygen in the water which is needed by aquatic life.

By reducing the amount of fertilizer on your lawn you not only help to save our waters but also money. As an alternate to traditional fertilizers consider using organic, time release fertilizers. These fertilizers slowly release nutrients to your lawn, reducing the amount of pollutants washed into our waterways.

For More Information go to:  
[www.smcstormwater.org](http://www.smcstormwater.org)