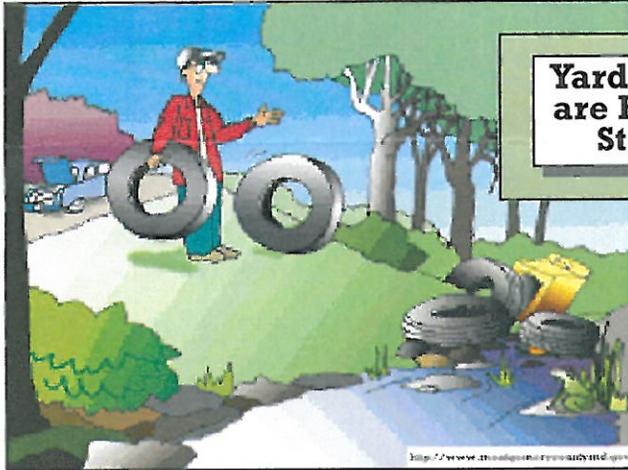


FACT SHEET

Keeping Streams Clean

DO NOT *DUMP* trash, waste, or yard clippings in a stream or pond or at its banks. KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN!



Yard Clippings are Harmful to Streams!!

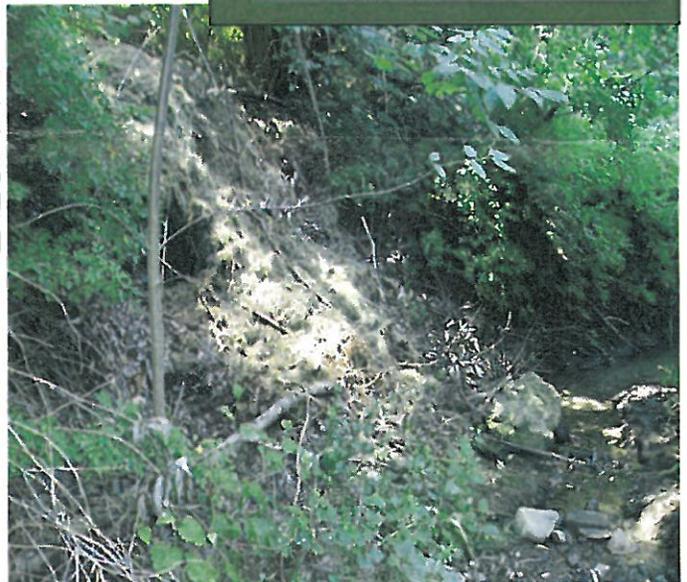


Dumping your waste is not an effective way to prevent erosion.

Compost Grass and Yard Clippings

Dumping grass and yard clippings at the water's edge results in an increase in organic matter getting into the stream or lake. Because there is more organic matter (food), the organisms will increase, and use up oxygen from the water during decomposition. This results in low oxygen levels for fish, turtles, and other desirable organisms in the water which can kill them. *Keep your pond or stream healthy by composting your yard waste! **Don't dump at the stream's edge!***

Dumping trash and yard waste on stream banks kills the plants growing there which can contribute to erosion. If debris and trash wash into the stream, this can cause a blockage in the flow of a stream and **cause flooding.**



Keeping Streams Clean

Is it ok to rinse or sweep my yard clippings to storm drains?

NO!! After mowing your lawn, **DO NOT** hose down your driveway to rinse away yard waste or sweep any waste to storm drains at the curb!

Please properly dispose of yard waste!

Purchase a **mulching lawnmower** to leave your grass clippings on the lawn, allowing them to work back into the soil, reducing the need for fertilizers. Also, it is easy to start your own compost pile. Just construct a bin or pile made of leaves, grass clippings, weeds and remains from garden plants. Also, add sawdust, wood ash, and kitchen scraps such as fruits, vegetable peels, coffee grounds, egg shells, brown lettuce, etc. **DO NOT COMPOST MEATS, BONES, FATTY FOODS OR COOKING OILS.** Fatty foods and oils will cause nuisances such as odors or pests.

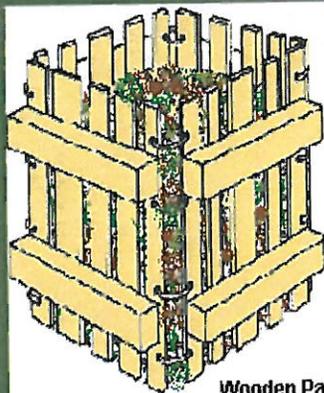


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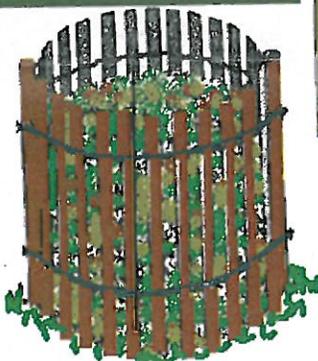


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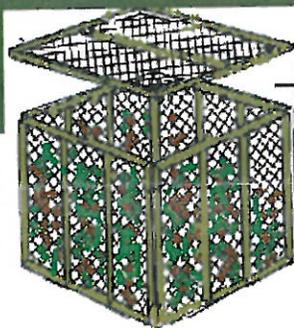
Composting is Easy!



Wooden Pallet Bin



Snow Fence Bin



Chicken Wire Bin

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