

What Can You Do to Protect Local Waterways?

Flush Responsibly!!!!

Don't pour household products such as cleaners, beauty products, medicine, auto fluids, paint, and lawn care products. Properly dispose of them at your local household hazardous waste facility.

Wastewater treatments facilities are designed to treat organic materials, not hazardous chemicals. If you pour hazardous chemicals down the drain, they might end up in local rivers, lakes and coastal waters.

Dispose of excess household grease (meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter and margarine, etc.) diapers, condoms, and personal hygiene products in the garbage can. These materials can clog pipes, and could cause raw sewage to overflow in your home or yard, or in public areas. Overflows often occur during periods of high rainfall; snowmelt and can result in basement backups, overflows at manholes or discharges directly to rivers, lakes and coastal waters.

Don't pour used motor oil down the drain. Use motor oil can diminish the effectiveness of the treatment process, and might allow contaminants to be discharged. The contaminants could pollute local waterways or harm aquatic life.

If you're a dark room hobbyist, dispose of the spent fixer, developer, and other photographic chemicals in separate containers and transport the to a hazardous waste facility. Like household hazardous wastes and used motor oil, photographic chemicals can interfere with the wastewater treatment process and could result in pollutants being discharged into local water ways.

To find out more about the **Ocean County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program** please visit their web page www.njhazwaste.com/ocehome.htm Working together we can protect our environment.

Thank You !