Top Ten Things *You* Can Do to Protect Your Watershed

1. Water only when it's necessary.

Conserve water used inside the house as well.

2. Limit use of pesticides and fertilizers.

3. Plant hardy vegetation. Cover bare spots in your yard.

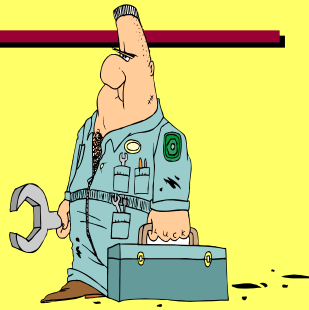
4. Put litter in its place.

5. Compost or mulch yard waste.

Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains!

6. Repair auto leaks.

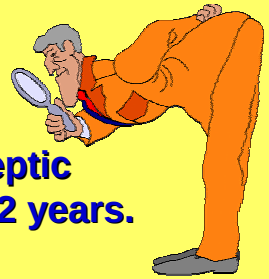
Recycle used oil and antifreeze.



7. Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on the lawn.

8. Recycle and dispose of household chemicals properly.

Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors.



9. Inspect and service septic system at least every 2 years.

10. Pick up after your pet!

For more information:
- contact your local city or county government
- contact your county Soil & Water Conservation District or Extension Service
- visit the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's website at www.deq.state.ms.us or call 601-961-5171

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