

# GOOD to KNOW

# EVERY ACTION WE TAKE HAS AN IMPACT ON OUR HOME SWEET FRAGILE HOME

## WHEN YOU

## IT CAUSES

## RESULTING IN

## AND THAT MEANS



Flush anything other than toilet paper and human waste down the toilet

Sewer pipes to become blocked and raw sewage to back up in the street

Raw sewage entering local waterways via storm drains

We cannot swim at local beaches or eat local seafood



Rake or blow leaves into the street

Organic material to be carried to local waterways via a storm drain

Leaves and grass decomposing, which uses up dissolved oxygen needed by fish and crabs

A decline in the population of local fish and crabs



Over fertilize your lawn

Nitrogen and phosphorus to be carried to local waterways via a storm drain

Algae blooms growing quickly

Waterways become discolored, smell foul and are not desirable for swimming or boating. Underwater grasses cannot thrive.



Leave bare spots in your yard

Dirt to be carried to local waterways via a storm drain

Waterways becoming cloudy from excessive sediment

A decline in the population of fish, oysters and other aquatic life



To learn more about our impact on local waterways, just [askHRgreen.org](http://askHRgreen.org)

