



Photo by Elizabeth Halliday
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Want clean swimming beaches?
Want shellfish safe to eat?
Want to save your city or town money?

When it rains, water entering storm drains carries trash, pet waste, and other pollutants to our ponds, rivers, and the bay. Remember:

Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!

Pets

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that can pollute wetlands and the Bay.



★ Whether in your yard or on a walk, always pick up after your pet and put it in the trash.

Your Stormwater

Excessive stormwater flow moves pollutants and harmful sediments to the Bay.



★ Redirect stormwater to lawns, gardens, and vegetated areas.
★ Install a rain barrel to catch and reuse rainwater.

Lawn and Garden

Fertilizer and pesticides run off your lawn into the storm drain and then into the Bay.



★ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
★ Don't overwater and don't fertilize before it rains.

Auto Care

Car washing at home can release detergents and petroleum products to the Bay.



★ Use a commercial carwash or wash your car on the lawn.
★ Pour soapy water down the sink.

Learn how **YOU** can help protect Buzzards Bay at:
buzzardsbayaction.org/stormwater



A message from the
Buzzards Bay Action Committee.

