City of BONNEY Lake

# Good Practices For the Residence

Properly dispose of household chemicals. Never wash or pour chemicals, cleaners, or solvents into the storm drain. Take hazardous substances to an approved location. Two approved locations include Hidden Valley Transfer Station Hazardous Waste Facility located at 17925 Meridian Street East, Puyallup WA (253) 847-7555 and Tacoma Hazardous Waste Facility located at 3510 South Mullen, Tacoma WA (253) 591-5543. There is no fee to dispose of household hazardous waste at the Hidden Valley Transfer Station Hazardous Waste Facility and Tacoma Landfill Hazardous Waste Facility, but you must show proof of Pierce County residency (driver's license).

Properly recycle used oil at one of the following locations in the Bonney Lake area; Bonney Lake Auto Parts (253) 863-0466, Schuck's Auto Supply (253) 891-8856, Jiffy Lube (253) 891-2494, or South Prairie Transfer Station (253) 862-1704. Jiffy Lube and Schuck's accept up to 5 gallons. Tacoma Landfill and transfer station sites accept larger volumes. Most sites are self-serve and you will empty your own container into the tank. Use 5 gallon or smaller oil containers (No drums or barrels). Puncture used oil filters and let the oil drain out for at least 24 hours. Then place the oil filter in the garbage. Never mix oil with any other substance. Use dry methods for drip and spill cleanup (For example, absorb spills with cat litter and sweep it up). Don't hose down driveways.

Just Doo It; clean up after your pet. Cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking plastic bags along with you on your next walk. Then choose one of the following disposal options; When Walking - Bag It! Bring plastic bags with you when you walk your dog. Use a bag to pick up the pet waste. Tie bag closed and place in the trash. Options at Home; Trash It - Double bag dog waste or kitty litter, tie securely and place in garbage. Flush It - Flush dog and cat waste down the toilet if you are on a sewer system (not on a septic system). Kitty litter should not be flushed because it can clog your toilet. Bury It - Dig a hole in your yard at least one foot deep and 100 feet from any well, ditch, stream, or lake. Cover pet waste with plenty of soil.

Conserve water at home - wasted water is wasted money. Water your lawn only when it needs it. If you leave footprints on the grass, it is usually time to water. Apply as little fertilizer to your lawn as possible and always sweep up excess fertilizer from the street, sidewalk, and driveway. Applying excess fertilizer increases water consumption and creates more mowing. Use iron-based fertilizers to simply "green-up" your lawn instead. Pay attention to your water bill and become familiar with your water meter - use them to track your water use and to detect leaks. Try to keep showers under 5 minutes and switch to an ultra low-flow showerhead. Turn faucets off while shaving, lathering hands, and brushing teeth. In the kitchen, let pots and pans soak instead of letting the water run while you clean them. Thaw foods in the refrigerator or in a bowl of water instead of using running water.

Wash your vehicle on a lawn or at a licensed facility. Car wash water contains dirt, road grime, heavy metals, oils, and soaps which are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Sending soap runoff down the driveway and into a storm drain is not only harmful to the environment, it is a violation of state, local, and federal laws. Use a broom to sweep up debris instead of hosing off or pressure washing your driveway. Not only is the sediment harmful, but there can also be residue from vehicles on the driveway. Use kitty litter, sawdust, or commercial absorbent pads to dry up any spilled oils or hazardous liquids, then sweep it up and place it in the garbage. Don't wash it into the street or storm drain. Inspect your vehicle and driveway for leaks and repair all leaks as soon as they are discovered.

Please report pollution. It is illegal to dump oils, hazardous wastes, and other materials. If you notice a spill, call the City of Bonney Lake Spill Hotline at (253) 447-4320 or Bonney Lake 311 during business hours or call (253) 841-5538 to report a spill after hours and on weekends. Pick up litter and clean up any trash to reduce the chance of litter or contaminants entering the stormwater system. Share the importance of adopting water conservation and stormwater pollution prevention practices with your neighbors.

Our actions within our watersheds have a direct impact on our lakes, streams, and wetlands. These Best Manage-ment Practices help conserve water and prevent pollution from going down the storm drain and into our water bodies.

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION
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