

Managing stormwater in your own backyard is important. As an integral part of the watershed you live in, what you do in your backyard makes a difference. Here are some examples of what you can do at home:

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

- 1** Reduce impervious surfaces by using pavers or bricks rather than concrete for a driveway or sidewalk.
- 2** Divert rain from paved surfaces onto grass to permit gradual infiltration.
- 3** Landscape with the environment in mind. Choose the appropriate plants, shrubs and trees for the soil in your yard; don't select plants that need lots of watering (which increases surface runoff), fertilizers or pesticides.
- 4** Maintain your car properly so that motor oil, brake linings, exhaust and other fluids don't contribute to water pollution.
- 5** Keep stormwater clean. Never dump litter, motor oil, animal waste, or leaves into storm drains or catch basins.