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Crystal Lake

ILLINOIS

How Do We Keep the Lake Clean?

Keeping the lakes clean is the responsibility of not one person but everyone!

Crystal Lake is fed by groundwater so what you put on your lawn can affect the lake.

What you put in the storm drains in front of your house ends up in creeks, lakes or detention basins.

It is all interrelated and we all need to do our part to keep the water clean.

Crystal Lake Actions

1. Sweeping
2. Sensible Salting
3. GIS Inventory
4. Ordinance Requirements
5. Rain Garden and Bioswales
    1. City Hall Rain Garden
    2. Three Oaks Recreation Area Bioswale
    3. Stormwater Basins on North Shore
    4. Future rain gardens

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Homeowner Actions

- Pick-up dog waste
- Keep your storm drains clear of leaves and debris
- Don’t run water without a purpose (for example turn off water while brushing your teeth)
- Keep your car tuned so it doesn’t drip oil
- Don’t empty a pool with chlorine into a ditch or storm drain. De-chlorinate pool water before draining (check local pool vendor for options)

Homeowner Actions

- Keep your storm drains clear of leaves and debris
- Store bags of leaves and debris on the lawn rather then street to keep nutrients from getting into the storm sewer
- Avoid using chemical pesticides
- Use only phosphorus-free fertilizers
- Create a rain garden or use native plants
  - Google "How to Build a Rain Garden on a Residential Lot"



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Homeowner Actions

Properly dispose of toxic chemicals (household cleaning products, automotive fluids, batteries, pesticides, paint supplies, flammable products) DO NOT DUMP IN STORM DRAINS

- **Household batteries can be dropped off at City Hall main lobby**
- **Local check out www.mchenry.edu/greenguide**
- **Illinois EPA-approved waste drop off locations:**

  - Rockford: Rock River Reclamation District, 3333 Kishwaukee, Rockford, IL Phone: (815) 987-5570
  - Naperville: Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL Phone: (630) 420-6095
  - Gurnee: The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), 1311 N. Estes Street, Gurnee, IL Phone: (847) 336-9340
  - City of Chicago: Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility, 1150 North Branch on Goose Island Phone: 311 or for general information: (312) 744-7672

Additional Resources

Check out the County Water Resource Action Plan

Google “McHenry County WRAP”

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