

Community Partners for Clean Streams Monthly eMonitor



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Up Front

Welcome to the Monthly eMonitor

Welcome to the Community Partners for Clean Streams (CPCS) Monthly eMonitor. The eMonitor is designed to keep Partners updated on CPCS and stormwater management issues, provide helpful information to reduce stormwater and nonpoint source pollution, recognize new Partners, highlight upcoming events, and allow increased networking opportunities. We hope you enjoy each edition of the Monthly eMonitor and welcome any comments, concerns, or suggestions.

Web Page of the Month

healthylandscapes.com

This web page provides valuable information and tips for outdoor landscaping. Some features include but are not limited to:

- Healthy Lawn & Garden Practices and Principles
- Earth Friendly Products for Pest and Disease Control
- Healthy Landscape Problem Solver Tip Sheets (slugs in the garden, mildew on flowers, aphids and mites, rabbits in the garden, grubs in the lawn, scale insects on shrubs and trees, among others)
- Useful links and more!

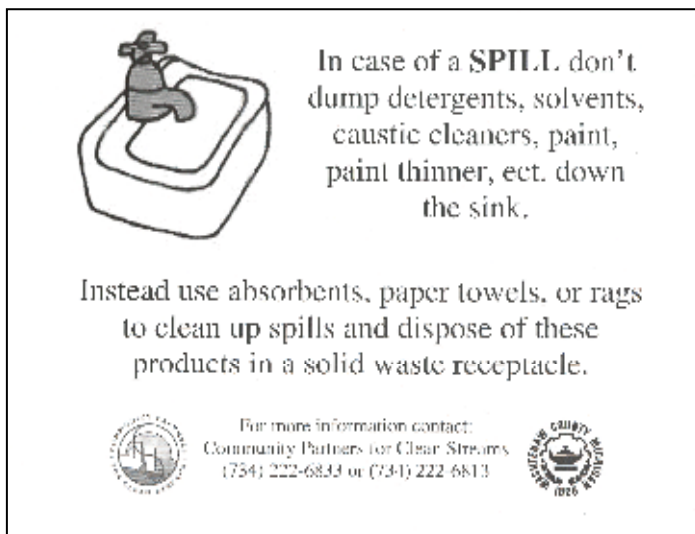
CPCS News

CPCS Participant List

For a listing of current **81** Community Partners, see our webpage at

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/drain_commissioner/dc_enviro.html/dc_cpcs.htm
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“In Case of Spill” Sink Signs Available



CPCS has available for Partners at no cost, an **“In case of spill” sign**. These signs are splash resistant and are intended to be placed above sinks. Commonly used materials such as detergents, solvents, caustic cleaners, paint, and paint thinners should never be dumped down the sink. If you are interested in receiving this sign please call or email us with information regarding how many signs you need.

New and Renewed Partners

CPCS recognizes the following **new** Partnerships:

- Bryant Community Center
- Northside Community Center
- Pierce Lake Golf Course

CPCS recognizes the following **renewed** Partnerships:

- American Leak Detection
- Huron Chase Association
- Reddeman Farms Golf Course

In addition, eleven prospective Partners are currently in the works.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tip of the Month



Pressure Washing and Painting Preparation

If you are planning exterior building painting or pressure washing this spring, consider the effect on water quality. When painting or sandblasting, place tarps or drop cloths on the ground to collect dust and debris and place wastes in the trash. If these wastes are not disposed of properly, they may enter storm drains and pollute local surface waters. Use water-based paints whenever possible and never dump paint, paint thinner or clean-up water into storm drains or onto the ground.

Pressure washing dislodges pollutants such as paint chips, sealants, organic materials and heavy metals, and carries them into storm drains. Pollutants dislodged from pressure washing, as well as acids and cleaners used in pressure washing solutions, can contaminate rivers, streams, ponds, and wetlands. If you must pressure wash, try using plain water instead of adding harsh chemicals to the pressure washing solution.

Use dry cleaning methods such as brooms and wire brushes as an alternative to pressure washing whenever possible. If pressure washing is necessary, divert wash water away from storm drains into vegetated areas or to the sanitary sewer system. If diverting wash water is impossible, cover storm drains with filter fabric bags to prevent solid material like paint chips from entering local waterways.

If contractors are hired to perform maintenance work, encourage them to implement practices that protect water quality. **Community Partners can furnish a one page brochure to provide to vendors and contractors.** Call us for a supply.

CPCS Events

- **Waste Knot Awards** – April 22nd
- **Huron River Days** – July 11th Gallup Park



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