

## CLEAN WATER STARTS WITH YOU

### TOP 10 TIPS FOR A CLEANER SPRING LAKE AND GRAND RIVER

10. *Do not allow storm drains in your neighborhood to be used for disposal of any liquids.*
9. *Call Village Hall 842-1393 if any storm drain dumping is observed. This is called an illicit discharge and is prohibited by ordinance.*
8. *Leave a 25 foot buffer strip of vegetation if you are a waterfront property owner that is chemical free.*
7. *Use only biodegradable soaps for a car wash or skip the soap entirely except for difficult spots of tar.*
6. *Use only biodegradable soaps for washing boats or skip the soap entirely.*
5. *Observe and report any visible sheen on water in ditches, swales or in the Spring Lake or the Grand River by calling the Fire Department at 842-1340 or Village Hall at 842-1393.*
4. *Pick up dog waste and dispose like normal refuse.*
3. *Establish a compost pile rather than flush valuable food scraps into the waste water stream.*
2. *Skip fertilizing your lawn—utilize a mulching mower instead to leave the natural nutrients that grow your grass where they originated. Let grass grow to 2". The roots appreciate it and need less water.*

#### **And the biggest thing you can do is to ...**

1. *Check to be sure any lawn fertilizer used contains no phosphorus. The middle number identifying the contents should read "0" on the package. Phosphorus is banned from being sold within the County. The level of Spring Lake phosphorus has been cut in half in recent years. You can do your part to keep it that way.*

Enjoy your summer in this beautiful area we call Spring Lake and West Michigan.

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