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Improving Water Quality from the Comforts of Home

Watershed is defined as the area of land that drains into a waterbody. Where ever you live, you live in a watershed. Your actions influence the health of your watershed and its water quality. You can improve water quality without leaving the house.

In the kitchen

- Choose a low phosphate dishwashing detergent
- Use cleaners in moderation
- Install a flow restricting faucet
- Only wash full loads in dishwasher
- Stop leaky faucets and pipes
- Use ice cubes to cool faucet water

In the bathroom

- Install a low flush toilet
- Eliminate in-bowel cleaners
- Flush less frequently
- Set water heater thermostat to 120° F
- Don't use toilet as a wastebasket
- Use vinegar and baking soda, or boiling water rather than chemical drain cleaners

In the garage and yard

- Don't use floor drains as disposals
- Dispose of hazardous products properly
- Sweep driveway and sidewalks instead of spraying
- Recycle auto fluids
- Limit use of deicing chemicals
- Aim drainage from gutters onto grass, not driveway
- Always water lawn after sun sets

Following these simple tips will improve the health of your watershed. Clean water benefits everyone. Good water quality increases property values, creates recreational opportunities, and enhances potential for economic development. So take care of your watershed!

