



Does This FISH Look Familiar?

He should. His image is appearing on storm drains in your neighborhood. He wants you to know that your creeks and rivers, his home, are being contaminated by pollution from our streets, sidewalks, parks, and yards. Rain and melting snow collects pollutants from these surfaces and washes them into storm drains. Many storm drains empty directly into our local waterways, which are part of the Delaware Estuary. An Estuary is a body of water where salt from the ocean mixes with fresh water from the river. The Delaware Estuary stretches approximately 134 miles, from the falls at Trenton, New Jersey and Morrisville, Pennsylvania, south to the mouth of the Delaware Bay between Cape May, New Jersey and Cape Henlopen, Delaware.

You can help protect his home and your drinking water supply by taking the following actions:



Service your car regularly to prevent oils and other fluids from leaking onto the pavement so they don't wash into the storm drains. Recycle motor oil and antifreeze at local service stations.



Choose water-based paints and wash brushes in your sink with water. Reuse and recycle paint thinner, which is a hazardous material. Do not pour it down your drain or into a storm drain.



Bag or compost leaves and other yard waste. Don't allow leaves to collect in the street.



Minimize the use of toxic substances such as mothballs, drain and oven cleaners, insect sprays and many other products. Substitute with products that use natural ingredients whenever possible.



Put dog wastes in the toilet or trash can, not in the street or down a storm drain. Dog waste introduces disease-causing bacteria into our water supply.



Keep litter off the street. Put trash in trash cans and clean up litter so it doesn't wash into storm drains and end up in our streams and rivers.

These simple actions can help improve the quality of our streams and rivers, benefiting both human and animal life.

Call 1-800-445-4935 to find out more information on the Delaware Estuary and stormwater runoff pollution.

Clean Water Begins and Ends With You!



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