



GREETINGS, WATER ADVOCATES!

Thank you for promoting sustainable water practices for a brighter future. Read on for local resources, programs and tips.

A SMARTER WAY TO PROTECT WATER...AND YOUR MONEY

Your water bill doesn't just reflect what you use—it reflects how you use it. Small changes at home and in your yard can add up to big savings while keeping Columbus' rivers and streams clean.



WATER-SAVING TIPS from *GreenSpot*

Fix leaks fast. A dripping faucet can waste over 3,000 gallons a year.

Upgrade to WaterSense® fixtures. These certified faucets, toilets, and showerheads use up to 30% less water.

Run full loads. Dishwashers and washing machines are most efficient when full.

Collect rainwater. Install a rain barrel to water your garden for free. Rebates available at communitybackyards.org.

Go native. Native plants need less watering and fertilizer—saving you time, money, and runoff pollution.

→ **Do you know a sustainability champion in your area? Nominate them for a GreenSpot Award at ColumbusGreenSpot.org**

STORM DRAIN MARKERS



**Storm sewer?
Sanitary sewer?**

It's hard to keep track of all those pipes running underground and out of sight. Take part in Columbus' storm drain marking program and you can help remind people that the storm drains on your street empty directly into our rivers.

Program limited to City of Columbus storm drains only.

Call 614-645-2926 or visit: columbus.gov/stormdrainmarker



SMALL EFFORT = BIG IMPACT

Green Your Yard, Protect Our Streams

Your yard impacts local waterways; choose eco-friendly lawn care to keep rivers clean.

Eco-Friendly Tips:

- Compost yard waste for free at Com-Til Compost Facility.
- Use organic fertilizers; avoid chemicals before rain.
- Mow high to reduce evaporation and prevent weeds.
- Native landscaping can cut water use by 50% and attract pollinators.

Keep It Clean, Columbus

Protect storm drains from pollution. To learn more, visit columbus.gov/keepitclean

- Don't dump waste or chemicals into drains.
- Pick up pet waste to prevent water contamination. Visit columbus.gov/pup for more info.
- Report pollution by calling 614-645-STREAM.

Join the Movement for Clean Water

Columbus residents are actively helping to maintain clean water for future generations.

DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE PROPERLY

Dumping yard waste in storm drains is illegal and harms water quality while causing flooding. The Com-Til Compost Facility accepts yard waste for free year-round. To learn more, visit columbus.gov/com-til.

Consider composting your yard waste or using these tips:

- Create a backyard compost pile with green leaves and grass clippings for nitrogen, and dry leaves for carbon.
- Place yard waste in paper bags for curbside collection. Check columbus.gov for collection days and more information.

Use Columbus' Waste and Reuse Convenience Centers on Alum Creek Drive and Georgesville Road. Visit columbus.gov/KeepColumbusBeautiful.org for details on accepted items and hours.

LET'S CONNECT

Get involved in protecting natural resources through public education programs. Participate in activities like stream bank cleanups and invasive plant removal to promote awareness of waterways. Learn more at columbus.gov/Volunteer and follow local organizations on social media for upcoming events. Help keep our natural resources clean!



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