

WATER CONSERVATION

Residents can take voluntary actions to help prevent further pollution in the Rouge River Watershed - one way to do this is through water conservation. Water conservation is a good practice and will help the Rouge. Conserving water outside, and controlling where it goes, is really important.

Storm drains flow directly to the Rouge River, so whatever goes down the drain, goes in the river. This is especially essential after a rainstorm or snow melt. The stream flow is very high at this time and the chance of flooding is greatly increased.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Here are some tips to help with water conservation:

- Doesn't it seem like the sprinkler always waters the street and driveway too? Try to aim your sprinkler heads just right to avoid watering these impervious surfaces.
- Don't water your lawn for a couple days after it rains.
- If possible, keep your automatic sprinkler systems from turning on while it is raining.
- Try not to over water your lawn. Grass roots are short and can't use the excess water. Light, frequent watering also reduces stress to the grass, which reduces the potential for disease and insect damage. It also keeps beneficial microorganisms active on the soil surface.
- Using an automatic sprinkler system to water a couple of thirsty plants wastes a lot of water. Hand water them or install a drip system available at home improvement stores. You can also collect rainwater, in a bucket for example, to water your plants.