

What Can You Do To Protect The Schuylkill River?

At and Around Your Home

- **Make Your Home The Solution To Stormwater Pollution** - Manage, landscape, and grade your property to minimize stormwater runoff and recharge it to the groundwater. This includes installing rainbarrels, reducing pavement, or adding swales with plantings for water to infiltrate rain.

For more information & publications for home tips visit:

Web: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm#materials>

- **Apply Healthy Lawn & Garden Practices** – minimize the use of herbicides and pesticides, apply lawn and garden chemicals appropriately, use organic gardening techniques.

Web: www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/pesticideslawn.htm

Phone # 215-814-3313

- **Dispose of Household Hazardous Wastes Properly** – unused chemicals, oils, paints, and medications should not be dumped into local storm drains or in places that they could reach a local stream. Chemicals should be disposed of through local household hazardous waste programs in your municipality or offered by PADEP or USEPA

For information on local collection events contact your local municipality or go to:

Web: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/landrecwaste/cwp/view.asp?A=1242&Q=464327>

Phone: PADEP HHW Hotline: 1-800-346-4242

- **Clean Up After Your Pet** – Don't leave it on the streets, pick it up and dispose of it properly in your garbage.

In Your Community

- **Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper** – short letters can educate the public and political leaders and increases prominence of an issue

- **Join a Local Watershed Group** – help protect your local streams by volunteering your time to clean up trash, monitor water quality, preserve land, or engage local officials. Senior Citizens Can Join the Senior Environment Corps and get involved locally.
 Website: <http://www.pawatersheds.org/WatershedDirectory/index.asp>
 Or <http://www.ahs.dep.state.pa.us/conservationdirectory/>
 Phone#: Call your local conservation district and ask for the watershed specialist, see directory at:
<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/growinggreener/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=481687&growinggreenerNav=|>

- **Get Your Township to Sponsor A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event:**
<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/landrecwaste/cwp/view.asp?A=1242&Q=464334>
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- **Support Ordinances and Local Regulations That Protect Local Streams** – these include low impact development requirements for new development, adopting exceptional value or high quality stream designations, etc.

- **Call PADEP To Report Pollution – this includes spills, dumping, or sewer overflows**

Region	Emergency Phone	Region Headquarters	Counties Supervised
Southeast	484-250-5900	2 East Main Street Norristown, PA 19401 Phone: 484-250-5900	Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia
Northeast	570-826-2511	2 Public Square Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790 Phone: 570-826-2511	Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming
Southcentral	717-705-4741 After Hours: 877-333-1904	909 Elmerton Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17110 Phone: 717-705-4700	Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York

Web: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/emergency/response/emergencynumbers.htm>

- **Educate Local Officials on the Importance of Protecting Local Streams**
- **Vote for Local Officials that make protecting local streams a Priority**

In Your Local Schools

- **Teachers:** Include watershed curriculum in your classes and educate students about the importance of protecting our streams and rivers
- **Students:** Write term papers and do projects to study or fix a local stream. Conduct a learning project on your local school property.
- **Parents & Administrators:** Support local efforts to make school properties as environmentally friendly as possible while educating students about the environment. Schools should be sites that demonstrate how to protect local streams and rivers and not sources of pollution. Some things include nature trails, managing stormwater runoff, tree planting, etc.

In Your Region, State, & Country

- Write Your House member and to your Senators urging that greater emphasis and more appropriations be made to protecting water resources. Express to you're your opinion on how they should support or not support any environmental legislation. In a separate letter urge them to do something specific legislatively for conservation of water as well.