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1. Keep as much water as possible off of paved surfaces.
2. Keep the water that does run off, as clean as possible.

There are a few simple steps that you can take at home to keep water off pavement, such as diverting rooftop runoff to a rain barrel or directing downspouts onto the lawn instead of the driveway or sidewalk. Washing your car at a designated car wash or on the grass—not in the driveway – and using a broom, instead of a hose, to sweep up, also can help.

To keep the water that does run off clean, you can sweep spilled fertilizers, grass clippings, and soil off sidewalks and driveways and back onto the lawn. Never put household chemicals down storm drains or indoor drains, and keep dog waste off the sidewalk.

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