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For the auto-enthusiast, try a gift certificate for an oil change at a local garage or a car wash at a licensed facility. Keeping oil and soapy water out of stormdrains benefits us all.

For the dog-lover, a gift of a portable bag dispenser (such as Bags on Board®) that attaches to a dog's leash will ensure that Fido's waste is kept off the sidewalks and out of local waters. Now that's something we all can enjoy!

And for any children who enjoy feeding local waterfowl, buy them a disposable camera for those trips to the pond instead. Feeding geese and ducks causes them to concentrate in higher numbers than they would if they had to rely solely on natural food supplies, and results in large quantities of waste for local waters.



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