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- Organize a stormdrain marking event.
- Help get a pet waste station installed at a local park.
- Organize a rain barrel sale.
- Call your municipality if you see a violation, such as someone dumping down a stormdrain.

Taking action at home is even easier! It involves simple steps such as: don't dump, wash, or rake anything down a stormdrain; sweep spilled fertilizers, grass clippings, or soil off sidewalks and driveways and back onto the lawn; and where possible, divert rooftop runoff onto the lawn, rather than the driveway.

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