



# GREEN CAR CARE FOR CLEAN STREAMS



Bishop McDevitt students mark storm drains near their school. Decals say: "Keep it Clean! Drains to Tookany Creek. Report dumping or clogs."



Car runoff can damage the slime coat which keeps fish healthy.

Cars are important! We need cars to get to work, to school, to shop and visit family. But as cars get old, brake fluid and other chemicals leak onto roads and parking lots. When it rains, this runoff is washed into local creeks and rivers, harming fish and polluting our source of drinking water.

## Here are 5 ways you can help:

- 1 **Recycle:** Take batteries, fluids and used car parts to proper disposal facilities. Never dump fluids down the drain or in your yard.
- 2 **Repair Leaks:** If your car has a leak, use cat litter to absorb the fluid and then throw the litter in the trash. Never use soap to clean up a leak.
- 3 **Maintain Your Car:** A well-maintained car saves you money and helps to reduce pollution. Keep your tires inflated, get regular inspections, and repair your car as soon as it needs it.
- 4 **Drive Less:** Support your health and nature by carpooling with a friend, taking SEPTA, riding your bike, or walking along the Tacony Creek Trail!
- 5 **Speak Up:** Talk to your family and friends about why it's important to maintain their car and drive less. Remind them about recycling programs.



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