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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Richmond Sanitary District
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PSA: Help keep local waters clean

With the nice weather and lots of spring cleaning going on we tend to manicure our lawns and wash away winter's dust and grime. It is good to get all the cleaning and picking up done, but be aware of how you go about it so as to not create litter and water pollution. "Out of sight, out of mind" is not the best policy. Grass clippings, pieces of paper and plastic, and other debris and trash should not be "blown" out into the street by mowers or leaf blowers. The trash and debris should be picked up and disposed of properly in the trash. Organic material such as grass clippings can be left on the lawn to decompose or collected and put in a compost bin to be used at a later time when you need some good, nutrient rich compost for plants. If you plan to wash a car at home or even some patio furniture, be sure to wash with a phosphate free soap and rinse it off on the lawn. The soap as well as the dirt being washed off will soak into the soil and be filtered naturally. By following these simple actions for spring cleaning you will help to keep our local waters clean today and for future generations.



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Remember: ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN – anything else is a pollutant.

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