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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Richmond Sanitary District
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PSA: Sweep Driveways and Sidewalks Clean

Anytime of the year our driveways and sidewalks can become covered with dirt and assorted plant debris. These materials are a source of water pollution if they enter into our waterways. To keep these surfaces and the waters of our Whitewater River Valley clean, please sweep or blow these items off of the pavement (impervious surface) and onto a grassy/vegetated area or into a compost pile. By doing this simple action, those valuable materials are recycled back into the landscape where they can do lots of good and kept out of storm drains where they can create only havoc. The storm drain may not be located in front of your home or business, but it does serve you by quickly removing heavy rainfall and snowmelt to prevent ponding and/or flooding. Be kind and do your part to keep it clear of debris and sediment for the neighborhood. **IF** you should need to hose off pavement, be sure to direct the water to the grassy/vegetated edge so the water can be absorbed into the ground. Be sure to also take care when rinsing off and/or washing vehicles or other items and do that on a grassy area so that the water is absorbed and not allowed to run to the curb and into the storm drain. Remember: **ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN** – anything else is

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