

City of Bluff City

GARDEN, POOL AND SPA MAINTENANCE

Best Management Practices

Eliminate the use of pesticides and herbicides, if possible. Try using natural methods first!

- Use pesticides and herbicides only if there is a problem-not as a preventative measure.
- Try not to buy large containers of pesticides unless they will be completely used up.
- Use the minimum amount of pesticides or herbicides necessary for the job, and be sure to read the label on the bottle.
- Do not mix or prepare pesticides or herbicides near a storm drain.
- Be careful not to over-apply pesticides or apply them before it rains. Rain can carry pesticides into our streets and storm drains inlets.
- Don't dump leftover pesticides or herbicides into a street or storm drain! Also do not dump them down the sink. Either give them away to a neighbor or dispose of as hazardous waste.
- For information on pesticide or herbicide disposal, call Sullivan County at (423) 279-2865.
- Collect lawn and garden clippings, prunings, and tree trimmings. Compost, or drop them off at the appropriate Sullivan County Solid Waste Facility.
- Do not blow or rake leaves into the street.
- Do not over-water plants. Runoff water can carry soil, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides into the storm drain.
- Try planting native species in your yard. They will generally grow better and required less water and less pesticides or herbicides.
- If you hire someone to landscape your yard or maintain your garden, make sure they follow these pollution prevention tips.

Pool and Spa Maintenance

Never discharge swimming pool or spa water to the street, gutter, or storm drain!

- Discharge swimming pool and spa may be slowly drained to landscaping or lawns as long as the water does not run off into the street or storm drain.
- Before draining, allow enough time since the last addition of chlorine to ensure that the chlorine has been broken down.
- Do not clean pool or spa filters in the street, over a catch basin or near any other type of storm drain.

For more information, call the City's Stormwater Coordinator

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