

Monroe County, Indiana Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Avoid spills from vehicles. Perform regular vehicle maintenance at an approved location to avoid spills in parking areas.

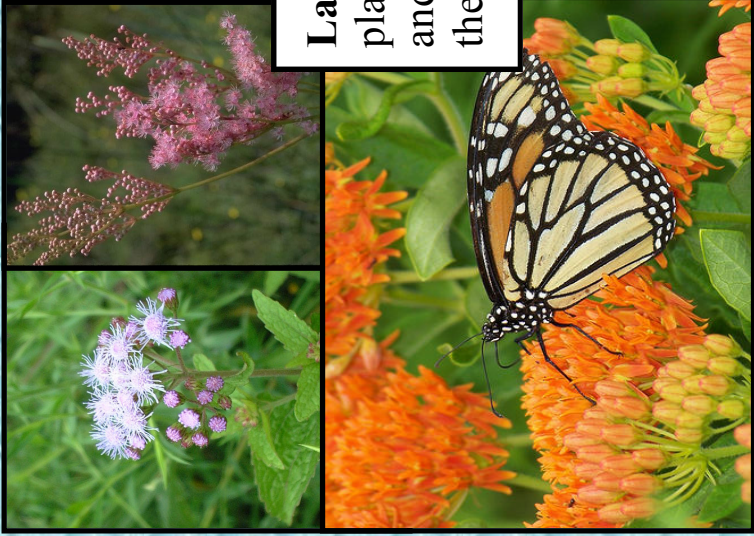


Minimize the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and salt. All of these can contaminate water resources.



Sweep parking lots regularly. Collect swept material and dispose of it in the trash or other appropriate disposal site. Sweeping prevents this debris from running into local water bodies. Never hose the debris with water.

Install rain gardens. Rain gardens reduce the risk of flooding during storms and help filter pollutants.



Landscape with native plants. Native plants promote storm water infiltration and prevent erosion. They also reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides.

Simple things we all can do



Stay informed. Attend storm water quality presentations at least once a year.

Keep it Clean
“Clean watersheds make clean water”

Collect and compost leaf litter. Do not blow leaf litter into the streets where it can flow into the storm sewers.



Dispose of hazardous waste at designated collection centers. Solid waste management centers are equipped to safely handle hazardous waste, such as used oil and fluorescent light bulbs. Proper disposal prevents harmful substances from entering local water bodies.

