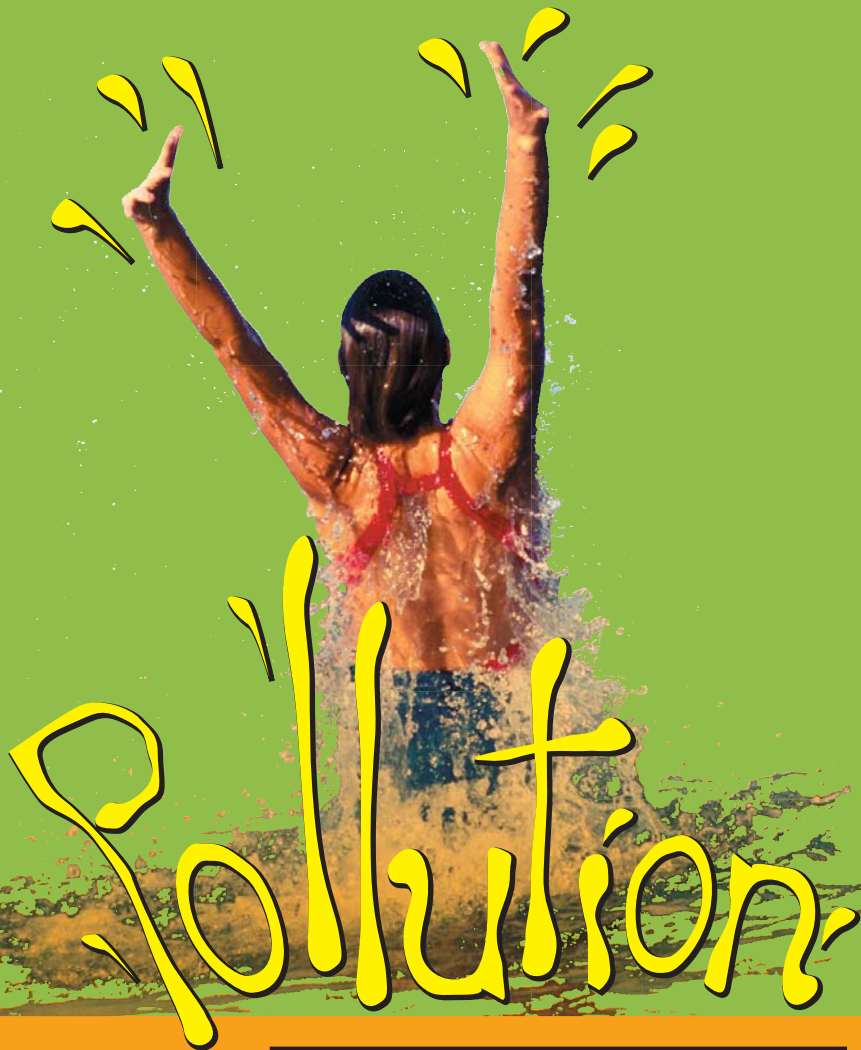


# COULD THIS BE YOUR FAVORITE LAKE?

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Most water that flows into storm drains is **not treated**, but goes directly into local waterways.
- Nationwide, **90 million** pounds of lawn care **pesticides** are applied each year to lawns, gardens, parks, and golf courses. These **chemicals** may enter groundwater or be washed into the nearest stream, lake, or other body of **water**.
- Each year more than **1.5 million** gallons of **motor oil** (enough to fill a medium-sized **tanker**) end up in Puget Sound. Much of this **oil** is **leaked** from **cars** and washed into waterways.
- **Pesticides** and other **lawn care chemicals** used in your yard may go directly into the nearest stream, lake, or Puget Sound.

Your Local Environment



**WARNING:** Scientists testing our local urban streams found 23 pesticides used by homeowners.

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

- **Salmon** spend a **year** in lakes and streams before heading out to Puget Sound.
- Some pesticides, detergents, and other **chemicals** add estrogen, a female hormone, to waterways. **Exposure** of fish eggs to these substances can cause complete sex reversal of males to females.
- Certain types of **flowers** contain a **natural** insecticide called pyrethrum.
- **One ladybug** may eat **2,400 aphids** during its life.
- Ground beetles eat **slug eggs, caterpillars, grubs** and other garden pests.
- During the first hour of rain in a typical American city, **roadway runoff** carries more **pollutants** than **untreated sewage**.

# POSITIVE ACTIONS

*Help keep lakes clean and safe*

- Maintain your car – **fix leaks**.
- Use **safer alternatives** in the home and garden.
- **Avoid** products that say "**danger**" or "**poison**."
- Store and dispose of hazardous products **safely**.



## RESOURCES

### WEB

**Hazardous products information for King County**

[www.govlink.org/hazwaste](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste)

**King County Department of Natural Resources**

[kingcounty.gov/dnrp](http://kingcounty.gov/dnrp)

**Environmental Protection Agency**

[www.epa.gov/pesticides/kids](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/kids)

[www.epa.gov/students](http://www.epa.gov/students)

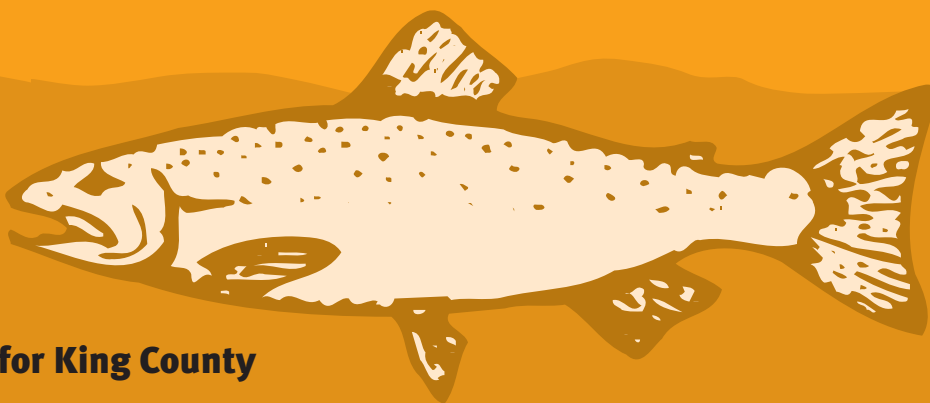
### PHONE

**Household Hazards Line**

206-296-4692 or 1-888-ToxicEd

**Garden Hotline**

206-633-0224



Alternative Formats On Request

206-296-4466 | TTY Relay: 711

1-800-325-6165 ext. 6-4466



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