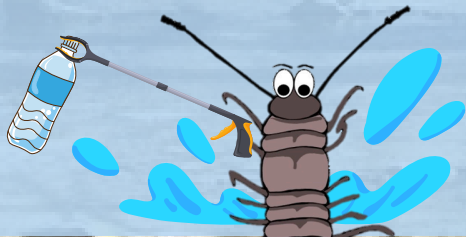


We are all part of a watershed and our actions on both the water and land can directly impact the health of our streams, rivers and lakes.

Being a steward of your local watershed doesn't have to be time consuming or cost a lot of money. There are many small actions you can take to make a difference!

Follow Ricky's example and utilize these easy steps to practicing Watershed Stewardship!!



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AND YOU!



Easy ways to be a Steward of your Watershed:

- **Properly dispose of your trash:**

Litter ends up in the storm drain and eventually makes its way into our rivers and lakes.

- **Landscape with native plants:**

Plants meant to grow in your area absorb more water and use less fertilizer than non-native species.

- **Use organic gardening techniques:**

Fertilizer and pesticides soak through the soil and into our waterways. This can cause algal blooms which kill fish and other organisms.

- **Mulch or compost yard waste:**

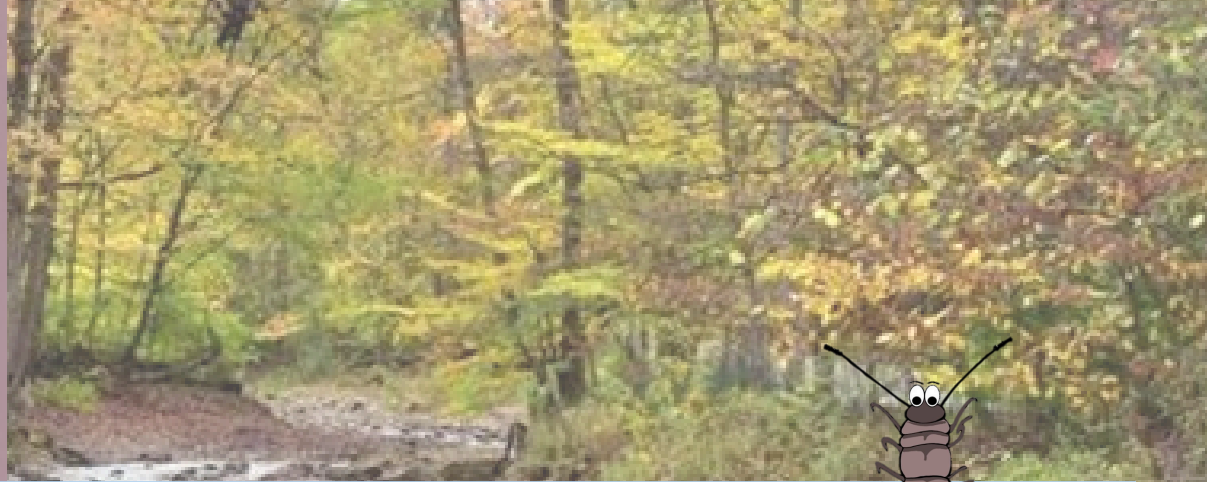
Organic debris can clog streams and change water chemistry by adding extra nutrients.

- **Install a rain barrel:**

Rain barrels reduce runoff and erosion and provide a free source of water for your garden.

- **Scoop your dog's poop:**

Not only will your yard be cleaner, you will keep excess nitrogen and bacteria from getting into our water.



GET INVOLVED

- **Connect with local conservation groups**
- **Join a Stream Monitoring Program in your local watershed**
- **Volunteer at clean-up events in your community**
- **Utilize the SWMD Grant to make conservation focused changes to your yard**

