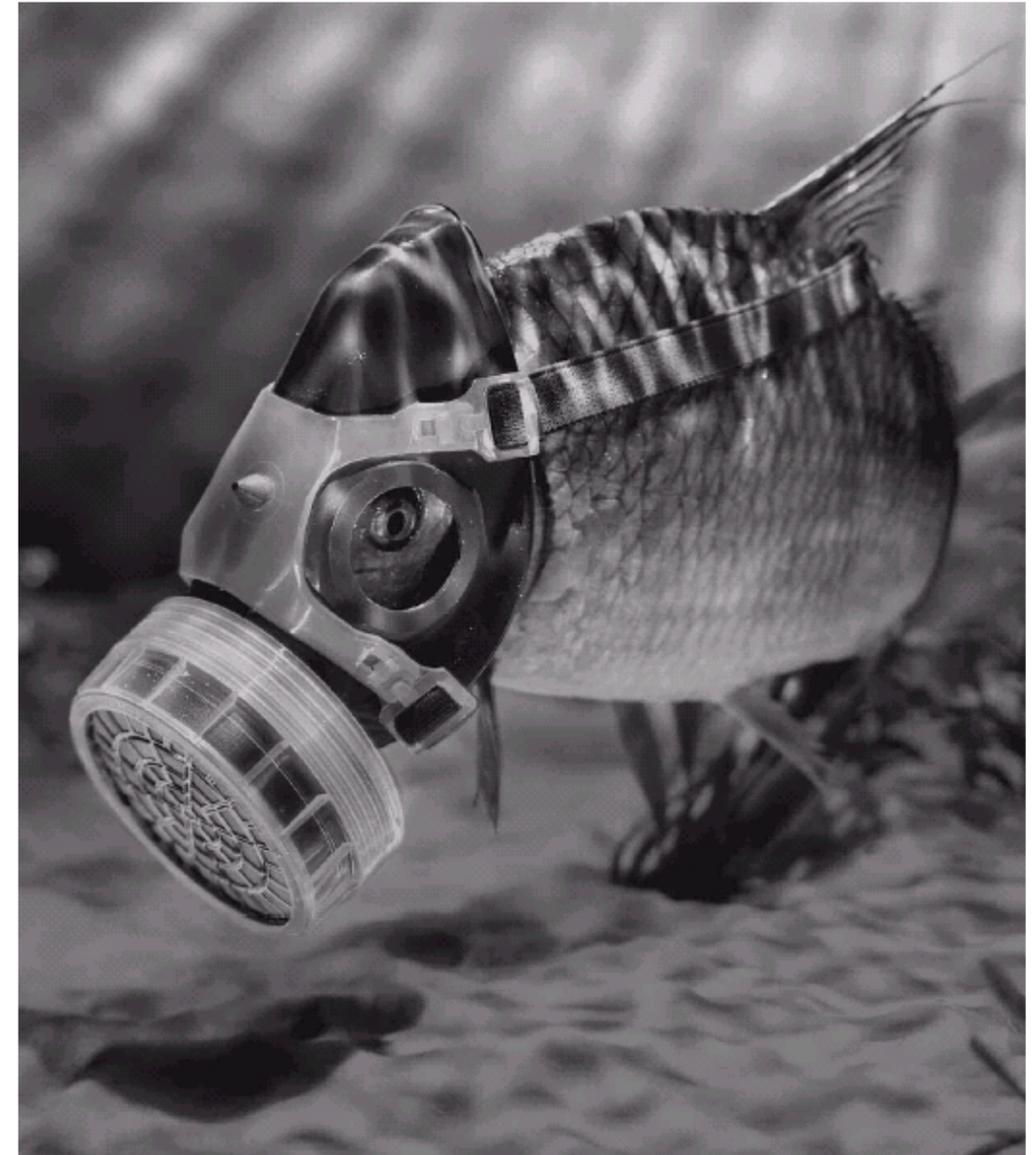


Guess where you're really putting your lawn fertilizer.

Every year the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams and finally, into our rivers. There, it deposits pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife, and vegetation. It also compromises our major source of drinking water: our rivers. But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. In fact, a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are already working on it. And you can help too. Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows storm water runoff. Use eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. If you need pesticides and herbicides, limit their use. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset: our water.



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What goes into our rivers impacts what goes into your glass.

Ever wonder where the water in your glass comes from? For most of us, it comes from our rivers. But when rain falls and snow melts, the resulting storm water can run down hills, flow through creeks and streets, and overwhelm our aging sewer systems. Everything this water touches—from the chemicals in our yards, to the motor oils in our streets, and even raw sewage—is washed into our major source of drinking water: our rivers. But there is a solution. A lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it. And you can help too. Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Never pour oil or paint in a storm drain. Check with your local community about disposing of or recycling paint, oil and other chemicals. Because when it comes to clean water, we all drink from the same faucet.



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Is your roof flushing raw sewage into our rivers?

Whenever it rains, water flows off hundreds of thousands of roofs, into downspouts and down our storm drains. If our downspouts are connected to the underground sewer lines, storm water can overload the lines. Causing sewage to overflow into our rivers: the source of the water we use everyday. Fortunately, there's a solution. Many dedicated people and municipalities are working on it. You can help too. Check with your local community about whether you need to disconnect your downspouts from the sewer system. Connect a rain barrel to your home's downspout so the water can be captured, conserved and used later on your yard or garden. Plant trees and other vegetation to reduce storm water runoff from your yard. Because the only thing that should flow into our rivers is clean water.



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