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Remember: Only Rain Down the Drain

To keep stormwater leaving your home clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- ◆ Clean up after your pet.
- ◆ Repair auto leaks.
- ◆ Place trash in garbage container or recycle.
- ◆ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors.
- ◆ Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids, and batteries at designated collection or recycling facilities.
- ◆ Use commercial car wash or wash your car only when necessary.



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and for my favorite animal that lives in the woods.
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