

Home Scavenger Hunt

How Stormwater Savvy Are You?


The things we do around our homes every day make a big difference on the quality of our rivers – even if you don't live near a river.

So to find out whether your home is river friendly, try this Stormwater Savvy home treasure hunt.



When you've finished, reward yourself with a family hike near your local river, stream or lake!

Give yourself five points for each "yes" answer, then check the legend to see if you are Stormwater Savvy!


KITCHEN

- Is the kitchen sink free of drips and leaks? 
- Do you turn off the water while washing dishes in your sink?
- Do you use "natural" cleaning products instead of harsh chemicals?
- Do you run the dishwasher only when it is full?


BATHROOM

- Do you keep faucets and toilets in drip-free working order? 
- Are your shower heads low-flow?
- Were your toilets installed after 1993? (use less water) 
- Do family members turn off the water while brushing their teeth?

GARAGE/BASEMENT

- Are utility sinks drip free?
- Do you fix car leaks right away? 
- Do you properly dispose of paint, oil, and chemicals?

ON YOUR PROPERTY

- Do you sweep, instead of hosing off, driveways, sidewalks and patios?
- Do you use caution when changing your motor oil so that none spills on the driveway?
- Do you wash your car at a car wash that recycles?
- Do you pick up after your pet as soon as possible? 
- Do you avoid over-use of lawn fertilizer and application before rain?
- Do you use low phosphorus fertilizers?

51-80 points: Super Savvy

Congratulations, you are Stormwater Savvy!

25-50 points: Savvy

You're on the right track.

0-24 points: Challenged

Looks like you can use some more information to help you become Stormwater Savvy

Information provided by RiverSmart @www.riversmart.org



For more ways to be Stormwater Savvy, try these sites:

Genesee County Community Water Quality Consortium
<http://www.ClearGeneseeWater.com>

Water Spots
<http://www.cesmi.org/waterspots/waterspots.html>

Top 10 RiverSmart Tips
<http://www.riversmart.org>

US EPA NPS Kids Page
<http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/NPS/kids/>

US EPA Safewater Page
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/>

