

Simple Actions We Can Do To Make a Difference



EVERYONE



- Pick up after your pet
- Leave no trace
- Properly dispose of pharmaceuticals
- Minimize use of deicing salts

KIDS

- Take care to close faucets tightly after each use
- Tell a teacher or parent if you see a water leak or pollution entering a waterway
- Volunteer with an adult to plant trees, monitor water quality, or pick up trash
- Get involved in your community

HOMEOWNERS



- Regularly pump your septic tank
- Properly dispose of household chemicals
- Conserve water by fixing leaks and replacing old toilets, dishwashers, and washing machines
- Use native, drought-tolerant species when landscaping

NON-PROFIT/BUSINESS

- Participate in local land-use planning
- Obtain a green business certification
- Promote environmentally sound decision-making by clients and customers

AGRICULTURE



- Keep cows out of streams
- Install and/or protect vegetated buffers
- Talk to your state about financial incentives for new equipment, planting trees, and other conservation techniques
- Plant a cover crop

GOVERNMENT

- Promote rain gardens, green infrastructure, and low impact development
- Encourage environmentally friendly landscaping
- Promote community wastewater treatment rather than individual septic systems
- Conduct contingency planning to respond to emergencies