Take the Stormwater Runoff Challenge

For more information, please visit EPA’s Polluted Runoff web site at www.epa.gov/nps

Across:
1) The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a _______.
4) The _______ of speeding boats can erode shorelines.
5) Maintaining your _______ tank will help to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaking into groundwater and surface waters.
7) Wetland plants act like a natural water _______, removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
8) Leave your grass clippings on your _______ to reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
9) A single quart of motor _______, if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
10) Fertilizers and animal wastes contain that “feed” algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
12) Polluted runoff from both rural and _______ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
16) Storm _______ don’t always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
18) Follow directions carefully when applying _______ on your lawn—more isn’t always better.
19) Polluted runoff (also called source pollution) comes from so many places that it’s hard to “pinpoint” a source.
20) Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a _______ pile.

Down:
2) Don’t dump used motor oil into storm drains. _______ it!
3) _______ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
4) _______ prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and wildlife.
5) Marking “Do Not Dump, Drains to Bay” on a _______ is one way to educate people about polluted runoff.
6) Excess sediment, nutrients, toxics, and pathogens are all types of runoff _______.
11) Polluted _______ is the nation’s #1 water quality problem.
13) The cattail is one wetland _______ that helps purify polluted runoff.
14) Too much _______ in water can harm aquatic life.
15) Proper crop and animal management on _______ helps to control water pollution.
17) _______ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.

Choices:
- compost
- drains
- erosion
- farms
- fertilizer
- filter
- lawn
- Low
- nonpoint
- nutrients
- plant
- pollution
- recycle
- runoff
- sediment
- septic
- storm drain
- urban
- wakes
- watershed
- wetlands