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## Things You Can Do At Home

- Dispose of antifreeze, paint, solvents and household chemicals at a hazardous waste facility.
- Sweep driveways and patios clean instead of hosing them into the street.
- Pick up pet waste and put in the trash.
- Preserve established trees in your yard and neighborhood.
- Use fewer fertilizers and pesticides.
- Plant trees, shrubs and ground covers that filter pollutants and reduce stormwater runoff.
- When gardening, avoid rinsing dirt or planting mixes into the street.
- Plant native plants because they need little or no fertilizer and less water to flourish.
- Don't throw cigarette butts on the ground or in the street.

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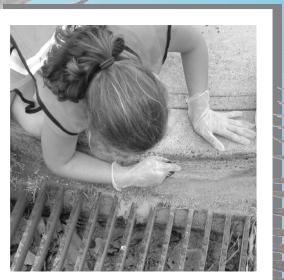
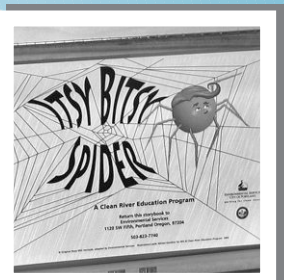
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# Watershed Education Opportunities through the Watershed Center



The Watershed Center provides free water programs for small groups at the Southwest Community Center and Gabriel Park. These hands-on programs teach causes and effects of water pollution and what individuals can do to protect rivers and streams. We also provide opportunities to participate in community service projects.

**All programs are designed for a maximum of 10 participants and require adult chaperones. All Programs are free.**

**To schedule a program contact:  
Watershed Center at 503-823-2862  
watershedcenter@spiritone.com**

### *Outside Activities*

#### **Exploring the Vermont Creek Watershed**

Ages: 6 and up      Time: 1.5 to 2 hours  
Join us at Vermont Creek to explore Gabriel Park's watershed. Learn about what makes a healthy watershed and how people are restoring Vermont Creek.

#### **Water Chemistry Lab**

Ages: 11 to 18      Time: 1.5 hours  
Participants observe, measure, and use numbers and units as they perform their own lab experiments on dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, and temperature.

### *Indoor Activities*

#### **Watershed Awareness**

Ages: 8 and up      Time: 1 hour  
This is an excellent overview of watersheds and pollution sources with an analysis of current and historical maps to identify changes in local watersheds. Using a watershed model, participants demonstrate pollution impacts on their neighborhood stream.

#### **Stormwater Storytelling**

Ages: 3 to 8      Time: 1 hour  
Using a Japanese storytelling box, children hear a special story about water. After each story, they draw pictures about protecting streams and then present to the group. Four stories are available: *Rainy Day Adventure*, *Journey of White Cloud*, *Why Crawdad has Eyes on Stalks*, and *Itsy Bitsy Spider*.

### *A Community Service Project*

#### **Storm Drain Curb Marking**

Ages: 8 and up      Time: 2 to 3 hours  
(June - October only)  
Much of the Stormwater in Portland goes directly into streams and rivers carrying oil, dirt, fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants from our yards and streets. Installing permanent curb markers with the message "Dump No Waste" reminds people that storm drains are for rainwater only.  
*A 3:1 child to adult ratio is required.*