

But it's only a few drops..

In high traffic areas, those drops add up quick.

- Your car contains fluids that allow it to function properly. When these fluids leak, much bigger problems may occur. Fixing a small leak now may prevent big car repair bills in the future.
- Fluids in your car can be extremely toxic. Fix your leaks so children and pets don't play in toxic puddles or drink toxic fluids.
- Lake Erie starts here when it rains the fluids from your car wash into local rivers and streams that drain to the lake. Many of us get our drinking water from Lake Erie.
- Local and migrating wildlife also rely on a healthy Lake Erie system for survival.





For more information and great car maintenance videos, please check out Don't Drip & Drive at <u>fixcarleaks.org</u>

Car Wash Woes:

Did you ever wonder where the soapy water goes when you wash your car in the driveway or parking lot?

- Water drains off impervious (hard) surfaces into the road, then into the storm drain.
- Most storm drains go directly to streams without any treatment.
- Car washing facilities are required to dispose of their used, polluted water responsibly.
- If you must wash at home, washing your car in the lawn allows water to be absorbed and filtered before it goes to your local stream.



For more information on how to reduce stormwater pollution, contact us at 216/524-6580 or visit our website at www.cuyahogaswcd.org