


# LAKE ERIE STARTS HERE!


**Your home is the first line of defense for the health of Lake Erie!**


Rain and snow melt that runs over your property and into the storm drain goes to our waterways untreated. It brings with it storm water pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, dog waste, winter road salt, oil and gas, litter, eroded soil, and so much more. You can help be the solution to storm water pollution and contribute to the health of our Great Lake!





 Plant a rain garden to capture and infiltrate storm water runoff.


 Install a rain barrel and harvest water on-site to water a garden or lawn.


 Properly maintain your car to avoid oil and gas leaks.

 Use road salt sparingly and sensibly and sweep up extra.

 Establish a no-mow zone around backyard streams and wetlands.

 Pick up after your dog to avoid bacteria like E. coli washing into storm drains.

 Remove some turf grass and replace with native plants.

 Wash your car on the lawn or take it to a commercial car wash.