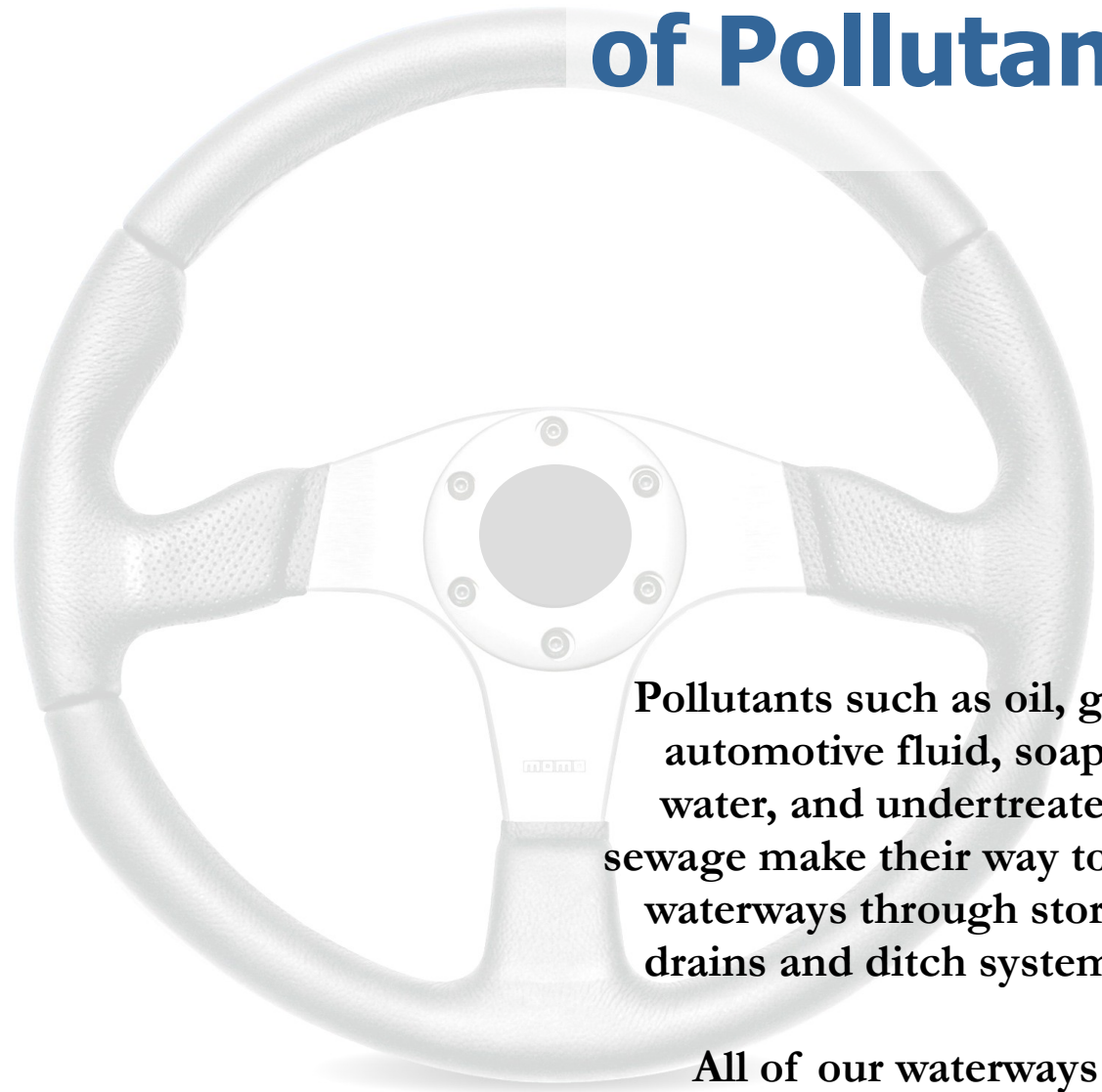


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# Steer Clear of Pollutants



Pollutants such as oil, gas, automotive fluid, soapy water, and undertreated sewage make their way to our waterways through storm drains and ditch systems.

All of our waterways in Cuyahoga County eventually make their way to Lake Erie.



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# CAR CARE FOR CLEANER WATER

The next time it rains, look down at your driveway or the nearest parking lot. If you see colorful “oil rainbows” streaking across the pavement, that is a sign that someone’s car is leaking fluid.

These fluid leaks are composed of highly toxic materials, such as antifreeze, motor oil, brake fluid and transmission fluid. When the toxics enter the storm drain system or leach into the soil, surface and groundwater supplies are contaminated; that means your drinking water supplies are put at risk.

You rely on your car for safe, convenient transportation. Why not treat it right and protect water quality at the same time?

- ♦ Repair auto fluid leaks right away. Use a drip pan to catch leaks if repairs are delayed.
- ♦ Collect and dispose of fluids from routine maintenance properly.
- ♦ Keep your car properly tuned.
- ♦ Clean up any spills with kitty litter or absorbent material. Dispose of cleanup as hazardous waste.
- ♦ Contact your city service department for local household hazardous waste collection information. Some residents can already dispose of household hazardous waste year-round at their city service department.

In addition to these car care tips, help keep our waterways clean by not disposing of household chemicals, cooking oils, pet waste, tires, automotive fluids and yard waste in storm drains, ditches and streams.

Get involved in your community and help be the solution to storm water pollution.

Contact your city or the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District at 216/524-6580 [www.cuyahogaswcd.org](http://www.cuyahogaswcd.org) to get involved in a stream cleanup, storm drain stenciling or marker project (seen below), or install a rain barrel and/or a rain garden at your home.

