

Stormwater Steward Partner:

CARS / TRAVEL



Cars contribute to water pollution in several ways:

- ◆ Exhaust particles from incomplete combustion drift onto roadways and into waterways.
- ◆ Leaks and drips wash off of streets into storm drains, into the Deschutes River or the ground where groundwater aquifers exist.
- ◆ Parts of cars that are designed to wear off with use (such as tires and brake pads) leave toxic residue on the roadway that can get swept up when it rains or snows and becomes stormwater pollution.

When the water and pollutants get into a storm drain they drain into the ground or directly into the Deschutes River, typically with no treatment at all. The river provides important habitat for fish and wildlife, along with numerous recreational opportunities—an irreplaceable resource. Our underground aquifers are an important drinking water source.

“To protect the Deschutes River and our drinking water quality from pollution caused by cars, I pledge to:

- Drive less by walking, riding a bike, consolidating trips, taking the bus or carpooling.
- Watch for leaks from my car and repair them quickly. Use plastic tarps and drip pans to capture the leaks in the meantime and while I am working on repairs.
- Clean up spills using sawdust or kitty litter; sweep up and dispose of in the trash.
- Never pour auto fluids (oil, antifreeze, radiator fluid, etc.) into the street or storm drain. Recycle where possible.
- Clean brake dust off of wheels with paper towels and dispose of towels in the trash prior to washing wheels or doing brake work.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water or sends it to the sanitary sewer; or wash my car in an area with a porous surface where the wash water will not run into a street or storm drain.



Signature: _____ Zip Code: _____

Thank You for Becoming a City of Bend Stormwater Steward!



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